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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Commonwealth Unity

MR Emmanuel Shinwell's warning in the House of Commons that Britain must tighten her links with the Commonwealth is timely, although his vision that the entire family of nations might become satellites of the United States is somewhat exaggerated. There is, however, some truth in his contention that the Commonwealth countries are leaning more and more on American finance.

A Conservative Member, Mr Bernard Braine, also sees a weakening of ties, especially economic ones and refers to the Soviet Union team conducting resource surveys in India, contending that Britain should be doing the job.

Both warnings, coming as they do on the eve of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, should give those statesmen food for thought in their deliberations and it is hoped that after they have compared notes on the latest Soviet strategy they will find time to consider the entire structure of the Commonwealth and its aims.

SOME thirty years ago there was a common link between all the members — the Crown: now there are republics within the Commonwealth who do not owe allegiance to the Sovereign. Thus the closely knit dominion-colony family has fallen into oblivion and is now, in a rather untidy form.

But despite the partial breaking away from the traditional union there still remains an association that binds the respective nations together. Prior to the second world war it was defence which held the Commonwealth intact, when the Royal Navy policed the world's oceans. The scene has changed with modern strategy adapting itself to the use of nuclear weapons and the once-essential defence bastions such as Malta, Aden and Cyprus have fallen into the background of a past age. In other words their importance is diminishing and with it goes their eventual elimination from Commonwealth strategy.

THAT there is still co-operation between the member nations in the matter of defence was evident last week when the naval chiefs of staff met in London to discuss their varied problems, but with divergent political policies there would not be a universal call to arms in the event of a future world war. What then remains to hold this Commonwealth "club" together?

Mr Shinwell and Mr Braine answered the question: It is simply a matter of economics, and although for the moment economic ties will hold the Commonwealth together, in the long run sterling will eventually become convertible and then trade discrimination will also become incompatible with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. This era, freely anticipated a year or so ago, has possibly been delayed once more because of the Suez crisis but eventually it must arrive and weaken the common ties of the Commonwealth.

The economic benefits now outweigh the political value of the family of nations and the future of the precarious association will therefore depend on practical factors such as Britain's ability to supply both the finance and technical skill for Commonwealth development. Failure to realise and implement a long-range programme could well see a further weakening of the world's "third force."

## HONDURAN-NICARAGUAN DISPUTE: "TOTAL WAR" DANGER WARNING

Washington, May 5. The foreign ministers of Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador have made a joint offer to mediate in the Honduran-Nicaraguan border dispute, it was disclosed here today.

Headquarters of the Organisation of American States said the offer was sent to the Honduran and Nicaraguan governments from Guatemala City on May 4 and a copy was received by OAS Council chairman Fernando Lobo today.

The OAS said the cable: 1. Expresses the sorrow of the Guatemalan, Costa Rican and El Salvadoran governments over the conflict that has broken out between Honduras and Nicaragua. 2. Calls on the two countries to cease hostilities. 3. Pledges strict neutrality. 4. Declares that the three Central American Republics will close their frontiers to the traffic of arms to Honduras and Nicaragua.

5. Offers the three governments' good offices for mediation if it can prove useful in any way. Meanwhile, President Luis Somoza conferred urgently with an investigation commission from the Organisation of American States (OAS) which is seeking to end the shooting in the Honduran-Nicaragua border dispute. Somoza last night accused Honduras of breaking the truce imposed by the OAS and warned "any new aggression", would mean "total war".

Both sides were reported moving up men and artillery in the disputed border area. President Somoza sounded his "total war" warning after Honduran Air Force planes bombed two Nicaraguan border villages yesterday. A military communiqué said Mocoron and Lelmus were attacked. It said Nicaraguan planes challenged the raiders.

In Tegucigalpa, Gen. Roque Rodriguez, Chief of Operations of the Honduran Army and a member of the three-man junta that controls that country, said the planes "returned safely to their bases after destroying Nicaraguan military objectives." He said Honduran bombers returned with bullet holes in the fuselage but none was brought down. Somoza telephoned Ricardo Arias, Chairman of the OAS fact-finding mission, to warn that another attack on Nicaraguan territory would mean war.

"Should this happen, the good offices of the committee would be unnecessary," Somoza told Arias by long-distance telephone in Tegucigalpa last night. Somoza later told reporters that unless the OAS Mission members "put an end to things quickly they might as well go back to Washington."—United Press.

## AUSTRIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Vienna, May 5. Austrian Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schner was elected President of the Austrian Republic in general elections held today, it was officially announced. Schner is a Socialist.

Schner received 2,259,975 votes, while his opponent, Wolfgang Denk, candidate of the Populist and Liberal parties, received 2,100,551 votes. The votes of the Vienna workers' districts were decisive in bringing victory to Schner, head of the Austrian Socialist Party.

The 67-year-old new President, who has been a member of Parliament and Vice-Chancellor since October, 1945, was born in Nickelsburg of a family of artisans.

### TWICE IMPRISONED

A militant Socialist from the age of 19, he obtained a doctorate of law and political science from the University of Vienna, and then served as a lieutenant in the first world war. He was a parliamentary official in the first Austrian Republic and served as legal adviser to the Socialist Party. He was imprisoned in 1924 by Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss and again in 1938 by the Nazis. After the liberation of Vienna by Soviet troops in 1945, Schner reorganised the Austrian Socialist Party and later became its President.

He is the third Austrian President since 1945, succeeding Theodor Koerner, also a Socialist, who died last January 4, in office.—France-Press.

## Just Pals Together

Kuala Lumpur, May 5. Two labourers charged with disorderly conduct wrote to the magistrate: "We have long been friends together—we drank together, fought together, got arrested together, got admitted to hospital together, discharged together, together now we prosecute at your feet for mercy in our desperate effort to find an avenue into your humane heart from where you would vouchsafe to look with pity."

"We could find no conceivable reason whatsoever for a fight between us."

"We together sat down for hours to think of any reason and we could not find any."

"All that we know is that we jointly drank in merry friendship. When we came to consciousness we found ourselves in hospital. That is all we know."

The magistrate discharged them with a caution.—Reuter.

## Dalai Lama Taken To China Reign Of Terror In Tibet

Lahore, May 5. The Pakistan newspaper Civil and Military Gazette today quoted Tibetan refugees reaching the Kashmir border as saying the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet, had been taken from Lhasa to China for "medical treatment."

The report said "the refugees reported Tibet had been under martial law for the last two weeks."

They said a reign of terror had been let loose throughout the country and there had been clashes between the Dalai Lama's followers and the Chinese army of occupation.

"The Chinese army was taking extreme measures to suppress the Lama's supporters, thousands of whom were reported to have been killed."

"Refugees along the Azad Kashmir border have confirmed that the Dalai Lama's palace has been taken over by the Chinese army and turned into an armed camp."

They further disclosed that the Lama, who was earlier reported to be under arrest in Tibet, had been removed to China where, according to the Chinese authorities, he was undergoing medical treatment.—Reuter.

## Voroshilov Leaves

London, May 5. The Soviet Premier Marshal Voroshilov, left Peking by air this evening for Indonesia, Moscow Radio said tonight.—Reuter.

## SHE SAID 'NO'



## Princess Rejects Marriage Proposal

Stockholm, May 5. Count Carl-Reinhold von Rosen, Master of the Royal Household, said in a press statement today that Mr Robin Douglas-Home, a London advertising agent, had asked for the hand in marriage of Princess Margaretha of Sweden. His suit had been refused.

Princess Margaretha, 22, is granddaughter of King Gustav VI of Sweden. Mr Douglas-Home, 25, is nephew of the Earl of Home, leader of the Conservatives in the House of Lords.

Princess Margaretha first went to England in 1952 when, at the age of 17, she studied English.

## HOSPITAL JOB

She returned to London in September, 1955, to "polish up her English."

While in the capital she took up a voluntary job in the occupational therapy department of a London hospital.

Mr Douglas-Home is spending the week-end at the country home of his uncle, playwright William Douglas-Home.

He is expected back at the luxury Berkeley Hotel in London tomorrow where he plays the piano in the cocktail bar during the evening.—Reuter.

## Film Star Weds

Hollywood, May 5. Film star Shelley Winters and actor Anthony Franciosa were married last night at Carson City, Nevada. It was disclosed here today.

The marriage was the third for Miss Winters and the second for Mr Franciosa. He currently is on location in Carson City for the film "Obsession" which stars Anna Magnani.—United Press.

## To Visit Jordan

Paris, May 5. Cairo radio said tonight that King Saud of Saudi Arabia would visit Amman, capital of Jordan, in the latter half of May. The radio said the King's visit to Jordan would be made after an official visit to Iraq.—France-Press.

## ITALIAN CABINET CRISIS

### Wire-Tapping Scandal ARREST OF POLICE INSPECTOR

Berne, May 5. Swiss Federal police inspector Max Ulrich has been arrested on suspicion of having information obtained by tapping the wires of the Egyptian Embassy. It was officially announced today.

A communiqué was issued by Dr Hans Walder, special investigating magistrate into the espionage scandal and the recent suicide of Federal Attorney and security chief Rene Dubois.

The announcement said the investigation following Ulrich's arrest on May 2 "had already shown results which most seriously implicate" him.

Dubois committed suicide on March 23, after coming under suspicion of leaking information on the activities of Algerian nationalists in Switzerland and the Egyptian Embassy to a member of the French Embassy in the Swiss capital.

SHADOWED An earlier communiqué by the Federal Justice and Police Department had said that Ulrich, who was repeatedly questioned on the subject, had emphatically denied having leaked any confidential information.

But it was learned from reliable sources that the inspector had been shadowed by members of the Basel central political police and had been repeatedly seen entering the house of a French diplomat.

A CLOSE FRIEND The diplomat said to have been a close friend of Dubois, was identified in the Swiss press as Marcel Merle, a former French intelligence officer holding the rank of a colonel.

Among those questioned by Dr Walder in connection with the alleged leaks was Associated Press correspondent for Switzerland, Michael Goldsmith, a British subject.

When he refused to reveal the sources of a news dispatch filed to his agency disclosing that a secret investigation into an alleged case of espionage was being conducted, he was imprisoned for 24 hours for contempt of court.—United Press.

### GRENADE KILLS OLD WOMAN

Constantine, May 5. An 80-year-old woman was killed, and 61 persons were sent to hospital today as a result of a grenade attack in Constantine's central vegetable market.

The woman, Madame Len Halimi, died of stomach wounds in a hospital several hours after the grenade was thrown into the crowded market.

Twelve Europeans, including 10 women, and eight Moslems were injured in the grenade blast itself, while the others were injured in the panic which followed the explosion.—France-Press.

## HONGKONG MAN COLLAPSES AT AIRPORT

Tokyo, May 6. Anthony Seto of 3 College Road, Hongkong, collapsed late last night as he was boarding a plane here for a flight to the Colony.

Airport officials said that Seto, who was accompanied by his wife, "apparently suffered a heart attack."

The Hongkong couple, formerly of San Francisco, were returning to Hongkong, after attending a religious conference in Tokyo.

The stricken man was being treated at the airport hospital. His wife was at his side.—United Press.

## Blackwoods Not On Lappa Is. Say Farmers

Macao, May 6. A thorough canvassing of the whole waterfront of Macao, from Ilha Verde to the southern tip of the Barra Fortress, including interviews with the sampan folk plying between Lappa Island and Macao, gave no evidence that the American, Donald Blackwood, his Korean wife and eight-month-old child, have gone to the Chinese island.

No sampan women admitted taking any foreigner to Lappa Island lately. An old woman said: "We would not even dare to provide transportation for any stranger to that locality."

A pre-dawn check on farmers coming into Macao this morning with the farm-products showed that they have not heard or seen such a foreigner, his wife or child.

The village outside of Macao's barrier has 1,500 inhabitants, they said, and any rumours or news of any new arrivals passing through would spread fast, they added.—France-Press.

## Shipping Companies Next On List

Cairo, May 5. The Egyptian newspaper Al Massara indicated that the Egyptian authorities would soon move to "Egyptianise" foreign shipping companies in Egypt.

The paper said a bill on the reorganisation of the status of foreign shipping companies, and their "Egyptianisation", would soon be submitted to the Egyptian State Council before being published officially.—France-Press.

## Strike Threatens Sugar Production

Sydney, May 6. A strike of truck drivers and loaders today threatened to halt sugar production in New South Wales.

The workers' strike because management of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company refused to withdraw its incentive bonus system. The drivers want profit-sharing instead. They claimed the bonus system for speedy deliveries was a cause of discontent among the workers.

## Social Democrats Abandon Coalition Govt

Rome, May 5. Italy's Social Democrats decided to pull out of the government today, plunging Premier Antonio Segni's Coalition into crisis.

The sudden about-face by Deputy Premier and Social Democrat leader Giuseppe Saragat made Segni's downfall inevitable. It also was expected to cut down Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino, who has guided Italy's pro-Western policy for nearly three years.

Saragat announced his decision to quit the government at a special meeting of his supporters in the Social Democrat Party this morning. The recommendation was expected to get full backing from a party directorate meeting on Thursday.

The Social Democrats' withdrawal from the Coalition meant that Premier Segni would automatically resign his Cabinet. Coming on top of the Republican withdrawal early this year, it put the Coalition in a minority.

Segni's line-up was expected to be replaced by another Coalition which would again include the Social Democrats and Liberals. But Segni and Martino would be out.

DEATH OF NOTED SCIENTIST St Louis, Miss., May 5. Dr Joseph W. Kennedy, one of four scientists who discovered the element plutonium, essential in making atom bombs, died today of cancer. He was 40.

Dr Kennedy, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis, had been in ill health since last autumn.

In 1955 the Atomic Energy Commission awarded \$400,000 to Dr Kennedy, Dr Arthur C. Wahl, Dr Glenn T. Seaborg and Dr Emilio Segre in return for all rights to plutonium separation processes they developed.

Dr Kennedy was director of the chemistry division of the atomic bomb project at Los Alamos, New Mexico. During the second world war he received the US Army Medal of Merit, the highest award a civilian can receive from the military.—Reuter.

## Bomb Attack On Police Chief

London, May 5. Members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, made a bomb attack today against a launch carrying Northern Ireland's police chief, Sir Richard Pim, who is heading an anti-IRA campaign, the police announced. The police said the bomb exploded in the launch's hold-off Strangford Lough in Northern Ireland, but no one was hurt. Sir Richard's wife was on board.

The launch was damaged but was able to return to port, the police said.—France-Press.

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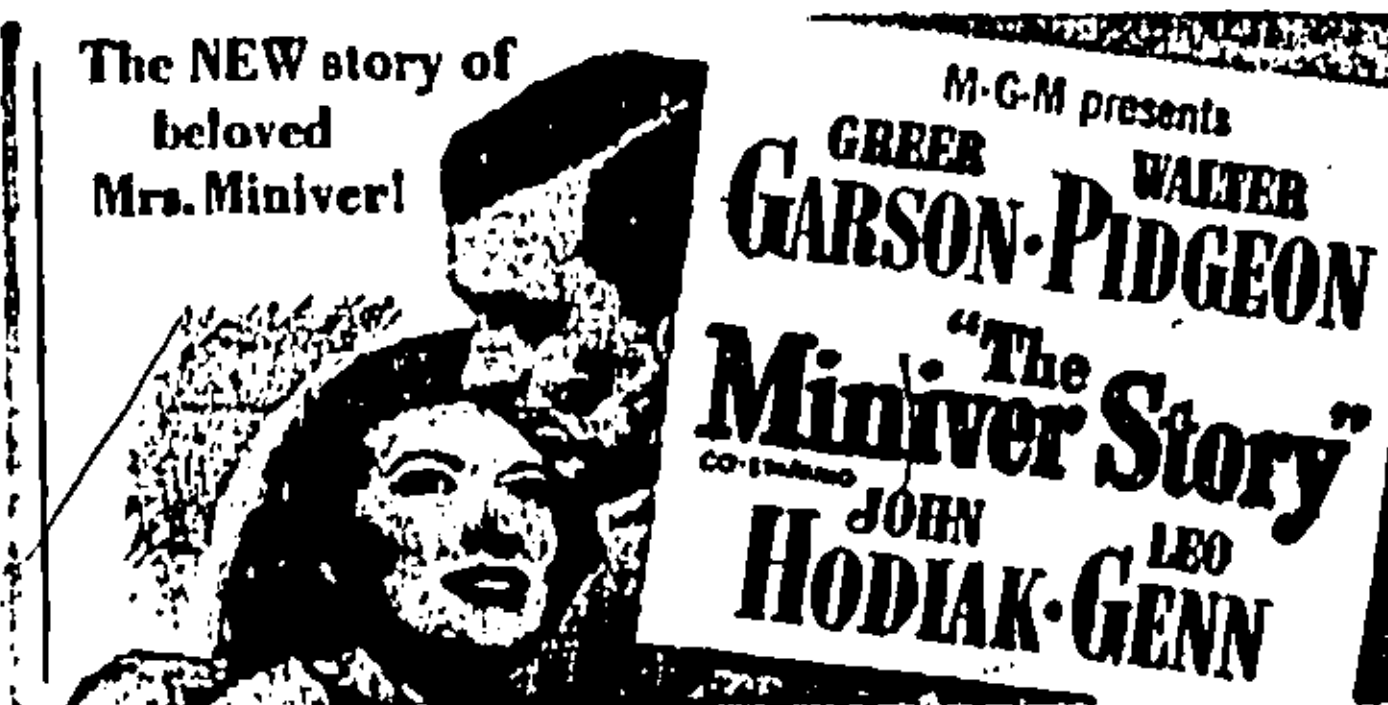
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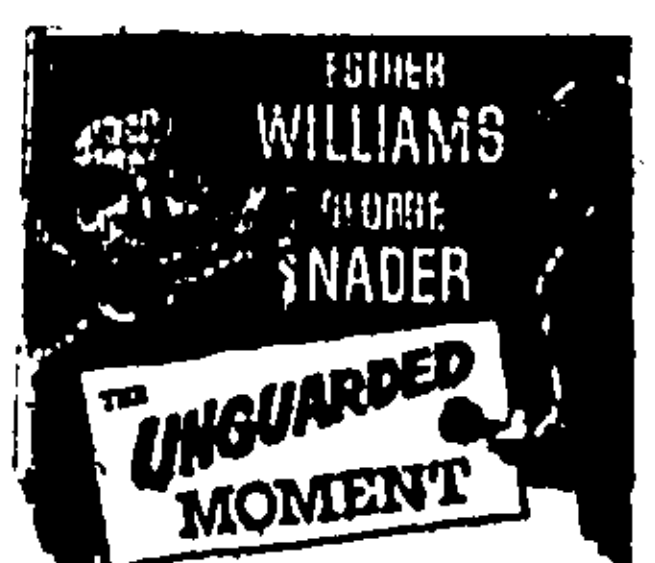
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## ANGLO-GERMAN TALKS

## SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER IN VIENNA



## 'WHERE DO YOU STOP?' ASKS BEVAN ON TESTS

Reading, May 5.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, British Labour Member of Parliament, tonight criticised Britain's proposed hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific and asked: "Where do you stop? You stop nowhere th' side of the grave."

Mr Bevan was making his first public speech since his return from Asia and the Middle East.

He told a Labour May Day Rally that no weapon, which was a weapon of suicide, could be a weapon of diplomacy. If Britain had the moral stature, she could say that although her scientists could perhaps make an H-bomb more deadly than any other country, she would not do so. Britain, he said, should declare: "We do not believe that the welfare of the human race lies in that direction at all."

## LEADERSHIP

"We believe that what the human race needs is a leadership in the opposite direction and we are going to give it. "We are going to prove there are influences and principles in the world that rise superior to those that attach still to the story of barbarism."

Mr Bevan continued: "I believe that if we could say and do that tens of millions all over the world would once more lift their eyes towards Britain."

"The best interests of Britain and the world now demanded that the Conservatives should hold a general election and give the country an opportunity of putting into office "people who will try to lead the world into far happier and more glorious destinations than these Tories can dream about," Mr Bevan declared.—Reuters.

A spokesman for Counties Ship Management Co. said the Popular Hill is steaming through the Red Sea and should reach Suez on Monday with a soya cargo from East Africa for the continent.

"We feel it is worth risking a delay at Suez rather than sending her via the Cape," the spokesman said. "We believe the government v any time now announce at British ships can go th' gh."

If allowed through the Popular Hill will be the first completely British ship to pass through the Canal since it was blocked.

An 800-ton freighter of British ownership, her previously used the waterway... it was under charter to an Italian firm. Britain's "advice" against using the Canal still stands pending agreement by the 14-nation Suez Canal Users Association on the Egyptian terms for navigation.

SCUA was still deadlocked after two sessions at London last week. The latest ended Thursday with several delegates still awaiting final instructions from their home governments.—United Press.

A picture taken during the four-day goodwill visit to Austria of Soviet First Deputy Premier Mikoyan. He is pictured right, sharing a joke with Austrian Chancellor Raab during a reception at the Chancellery in Vienna. Mr Mikoyan is the first leading statesman of any of the four former occupation powers to come to Austria since the country regained its freedom.—Express Photo.

## MALAYAN ENVOY FOR INDONESIA

Singapore, May 4. Malaya would appoint a High Commissioner to Indonesia soon, the Straits Times reported today from Kuala Lumpur.

The newspaper report said an official of the Federal Government would leave shortly on a fact-finding mission to decide the best organization of Malaya's future office in Djakarta.

The Indonesian Government had approved the Mission.—Reuters.

Vernandam, May 5. A Dutch cigar factory has started a drive to popularize cigar smoking among women.

After several months of experiment the factory has started production of what it calls "an excellent little cigar for ladies." It is about the size of a cigarette.—China Mail Special.

Singapore, May 4. Mr M. P. Carson, Canadian Trade Commissioner here, will leave for British Borneo to assess the island's needs and make a report to the Canadian Government on the possibility of providing aid under the Colombo Plan.—Ruter.

## AMERICAN CULTURE OUTWEIGHS RUSSIAN IN JAPAN

Tokyo, May 6.

In tonnage and quantity, United States culture far outweighs and outnumbers the Soviet Union's contributions to Japanese thought and reading.

The flow of Communist literature into Japan has been increasing since Japan and the Soviet Union last year resumed diplomatic relations.

But, by weight, Communist culture imported last year represented only 24,392 tons of books compared with 487,287 tons of books received from the United States through commercial channels alone.

## ADMISSION FREE

This was in addition to the big circulation of American books and magazines promoted by the activities of the United States Information Service which give books free to a selected list of readers and opens its libraries to all, free of charge.

Reading rooms belonging to the Soviet Union charge an admission fee, but the increase in Japanese imports of books from that country is attributed partly to the low cost of imports. And Japanese translators and publishers have no worry about copyright fees. The Soviet Union makes no charge.

The newly established Soviet Embassy in Tokyo at present has nothing to do with the circulation of Soviet books in Japan. The International Bookstore, an official organ in Moscow, is in direct contact with the Japan-Soviet Friendship Society and two wholesale book dealers in Tokyo.—Reuters.

## Distrust Of UK's Defence Policy Major Topic

Bonn, May 5.

Continuing German distrust of Britain's defence policy was expected in usually well informed quarters here today to be a major topic in the talks starting on Tuesday between Mr Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister, and Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor.

Mr Macmillan's visit—from Tuesday till Thursday—will be the first by a British Prime Minister since the West German state was founded in 1949.

Continued fears that Britain will pull her troops out of the continent and leave Western Europe to defend itself alone was revealed in the Nato Council meeting which ended here on Friday.

The British delegation came to the Nato meeting in the belief that these fears had been allayed in March, when Britain's Western European allies allowed her to withdraw 13,500 troops from West Germany this year and promised to consider in the autumn her request to withdraw more.

## Disappointment

But West Germany was prominent among Nato members at the Council meeting in voicing disappointment over the British cuts in Germany. The Nato Council, in its communiqué stressed the need for a "powerful shield of land, sea and air forces" to be maintained.

Mr Macmillan, it was therefore forecast, would try to convince Dr Adenauer that West Germany would be just as effectively protected by Britain turning from quantity to quality—reducing her manpower and switching to the most modern forms of nuclear defence.

A second topic expected to be discussed was that of European co-operation.

Mr Macmillan will probably try to find out whether suspicions exist among West German leaders on this subject too.

The press here has alleged that the British "grand design" project was aimed at sabotaging the European common market.

## Grand Design

The "grand design" aims at simplifying the many forms of European co-operation in three ways—political and military co-operation would be gathered under Nato; schemes like the common market and Euratom would be linked to OEEC; and the parliamentary assembly of different European bodies would come under one "umbrella" European assembly.

West Germany will at the talks try to persuade Britain to associate herself with the common market as closely as possible.

Dr Heinrich Von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, said to Reuters: "The German Government is extremely anxious for Britain to associate itself with the common market one hundred per cent."

## Working Sessions

Other subjects on which British and West German leaders are likely to exchange views are disarmament, Soviet policies, and German reunification. The Washington four power working group, composed of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany, is to meet here later this month to think up more imaginative ideas on German reunification.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, who was here for the Nato meeting, is staying on in Bonn for the Macmillan visit. He spent Sunday quietly.

## AUSTRALIA OPENING NEW OFFICE

Melbourne, May 5. An Australian Trade Commissioner is to be appointed to Kuala Lumpur, the Minister of Trade Mr John McEwen announced here today.

The first Commissioner could be Mr W. Cairns, a senior Department of Trade officer.

Mr McEwen also announced that Mr R. W. Hobson, at present sales manager for Lever Brothers in Sydney, would be posted to the Trade Commissioner Service in Singapore.

Mr McEwen said that Malaya was an important market for Australian goods and took goods worth more than eight million pounds Australian from Australia in 1956-57.—Reuters.

## FAURE ARRIVES

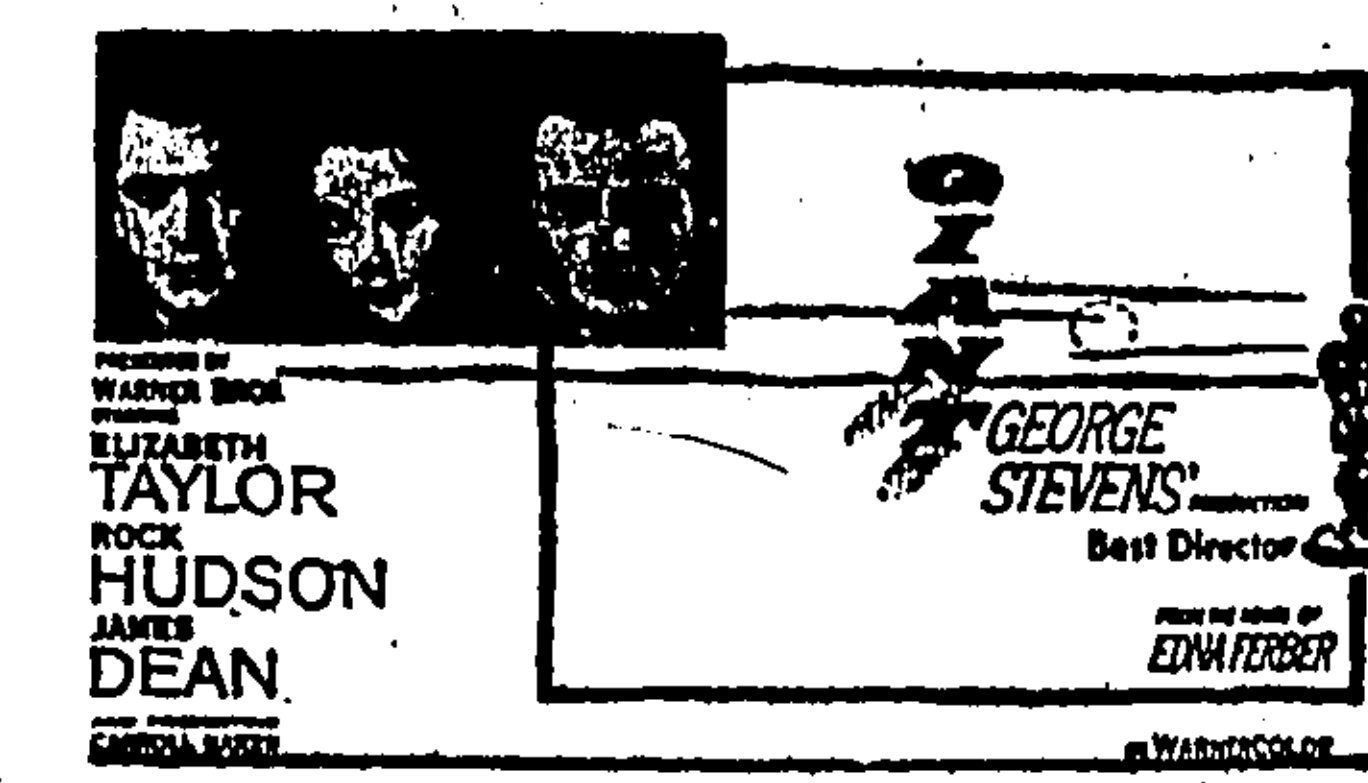
London May 5.

French Minister of State, Maurice Faure, arrived in London from Paris by plane tonight to discuss problems of the projected European free trade area with British leaders.

Faure was to have talks with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, and Foreign Commerce Minister, Sir David Eccles. Faure was to return to Paris tomorrow evening.—France-Press.

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# RUSSIAN PROPOSALS INADEQUATE

## INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW FOR VIRGINIA

Washington, May 5.  
Seventeen foreign countries have now accepted invitations to take part in next month's international naval review at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

## MODERN GALLERY OPENED

Naples, May 5.  
The President of Italy, Giovanni Gronchi, today opened one of Europe's most modern picture galleries in an 18th century royal palace overlooking Vesuvius and the fabulous Bay of Naples.

The massive pink and grey palace of Capodimonte, built by King Charles of Naples, has been completely restored to house one of Italy's most important collections of paintings. The work has taken six years and cost 600 million lire (£245,000).

The original palace roof was lifted off and a new glass and concrete shell constructed to give ample light to the paintings. One third of the roof area is now made of glass. Blinds regulated by remote control will protect the paintings from the strong Neapolitan sunlight.

### FARNESI PICTURE

The whole picture collection from the world famous National Museum in Naples, including the famous "Farnese" pictures, has been transported to the Capodimonte Palace.

The older museum is now devoted entirely to ancient Greek and Roman art, including the famous "Farnese" pictures, which have been transported to the Capodimonte Palace.

One room of the new Capodimonte Gallery contains nine canvases by Titian, the Venetian master. They show like jewels against a specially woven tapestry background.

But most of the 44 reconstructed rooms are starkly modern — they were originally the cramped quarters of servants of the king of the two Sicilies.

A special laboratory equipped with X-ray photographic apparatus has been constructed in the palace for the study and restoration of damaged paintings.

A distinguished gathering of art critics from many countries gathered to admire paintings by Italian masters, including Simone Martini, Bellini, Raphael and Botticelli. — China Mail Special.

Washington, May 5.

The review, the first in United States waters since 1907, is being held in connection with the Jamestown Festival celebrating the 350th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in the new world, made in Virginia in 1607.

Today's announcement said that about 60 United States and some 30 to 40 foreign warships would participate.

### 'THE LARGEST'

United States Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk said the event would be "the largest naval review ever held in the world."

"The 17 nations, plus the United States, will send 16 nations and the British Commonwealth which participated in the review held for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth at Spithead in 1953," the statement said.

President Eisenhower was invited to review the fleets but declined last week that he had asked Mr. Charles Wilson, the Secretary of Defense, to deputize for him.

### ENTERTAINMENT

The actual review will be on June 12, but the entire event lasts ten days. An elaborate programme of shore entertainment has been arranged for the visiting warships' crews. Altogether 27 countries were invited to take part. The invitation list does not include any Communist countries. It was limited to nations which, according to an official statement, "might have some reason to participate in celebrating the Jamestown founding and the celebration of North America."

—China Mail Special.

### CHICO MARX WANTS OLD AGE BENEFITS

Santa Monica, May 5.  
Chico Marx, eldest of the three Marx Brothers Comedy Team, has applied here for federal old age benefits.

Chico, now 65, said he had been unable to get the benefits because his earnings totalled more than \$1,200 a year. But he said he learned later that he was eligible for the months in which he earned less than \$80 (about \$28) regardless of his total income for a full year.

Millionaire comedian Eddie Cantor recently received his first federal old age pension cheque. He turned it over to a charity. — China Mail Special.

## Hopes That Plan Will Provide Basis For Compromise

London, May 5.

The United Nations Disarmament Sub-committee is due to meet here tomorrow to resume its complex discussions after a five-day recess during which the four Western delegates have been studying Russia's new partial disarmament plan.

This was put to the Sub-committee—Britain, France, the United States, Canada and Russia—by Mr. Valerian Zorin, chief Soviet representative, at last Tuesday's meeting, after which the negotiations were adjourned until tomorrow.

But during the recess period the five delegates held an informal meeting at which the Western representatives were understood to have closely questioned Mr. Zorin on his new proposals.

The Western delegates have held consultations among themselves since this informal discussion with Mr. Zorin on Thursday last.

The latest Soviet proposals include a suggestion for an exchange of aerial inspection of Eastern Siberia, Kamchatka and Sakhalin together with a small part of European Russia, for open skies over most of Europe, Alaska and the entire Western part of the United States.

### Unacceptable

Western conference sources here have described the new Russian proposals as inadequate but possibly providing a basis for compromise.

A French spokesman in Paris last Friday described the Soviet ideas as "light progress" but said they were still unacceptable.

This spokesman told a press conference: "We have made slight progress because the principles of aerial inspection have been recognised as valid by the Soviet Union. But the inspection is accompanied by practical conditions which are such as to make nonsense of it. First because the United States must agree to aircraft flying over the whole of the territory where they have atomic plants and secondly because the Soviet Union would allow such flights only over the icy stretches where there has been nothing in the memory of man."

If these proposals are unacceptable, the Russians have made them in such a way as to make it clear that they are not prepared to accept them. But also in order to claim the merit of giving a semblance of agreement on terms which would make such agreement null and void."

Since the last meeting of the sub-committee the progress of its private negotiations, begun here on March 18, has been discussed by last week's 15-nation Atlantic Pact Ministerial Council Session in Bonn.

### Up-To-Date

A high Nato official said in Bonn yesterday that his present attitude to the London disarmament talks was one of cautious optimism, with the stress on the "cautious."

Diplomatic observers here said that following the Atlantic Pact meeting in Bonn the Western disarmament delegates would have up to date briefs before they begin to give their detailed reactions to the Soviet Plan after the sub-committee reconvenes tomorrow.

The long recess in the disarmament negotiations has also enabled the delegates to take stock of the first phase of the sub-committee's work. The five delegates last week completed a first run through all the seven items of their agenda.

Western observers here think that the talks will now enter their most important stage in which the delegates may settle down to most serious negotiations aimed at reaching a partial agreement.

From the Western viewpoint such a partial agreement must in substance cover both the nuclear and conventional fields of disarmament and effective international inspection and control.

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## PRINCE CHARLES RETURNS TO SCHOOL



Britain's Prince Charles had a big day last Wednesday. In the morning he returned to his preparatory school for the beginning of the summer term, and in the afternoon he had his first game of school cricket—and then he had his first game of school cricket—and then he had his first game of school cricket.—Express Photo.

## TV Camera Used In Airship

Darmstadt, May 5.  
The airship, threatened with extinction, may get a new lease of life as a television platform for television cameras.

Tests held here with a TV camera transmitting pictures on a closed circuit directly to a receiver at the airship some distance away were described as "highly successful." The cameramen on the airship described it as "ideally suited for getting birds-eye view shots."

The public may see a live television show taken from an airship for the first time on May 30, when one of the West German radio and TV companies will do an hour-long programme on Cologne and the International Flower Show being held there. — China Mail Special.

## OIL TALKS START IN SYRIA

Damascus, May 5.  
Abdallah Tounkhi, Director of the Saudi Arabian oil services, arrived in Damascus today and was received by the Syrian Finance Minister, Assad Mohsen.

In a statement to the press, Tounkhi said he had come to Syria at the request of the Syrian Government, which wanted to ask him for certain clarifications on the position of the United States oil companies "Tapline" and "Aramco", and of the Saudi Arabian Government, on negotiations now in progress for an increase in royalties paid by the companies to Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan. The three countries are negotiating with the two companies.

Tounkhi said Tounkhi would remain in Damascus until next Tuesday, when he would meet representatives of the three countries to discuss the question of royalties. — France-Press.

### Spanish General In London

London, May 5.  
General Don Emilio Alami, Spanish Deputy Chief of Staff and Director — General of Military Training, arrived in London by air tonight on an official visit at the invitation of the British War Office.

It is the first visit by a Senior Spanish officer for more than 20 years.

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## Peasant Party Complains Of Communists

Göteborg, May 4.  
Polish United Peasant Party members complained at a meeting here today that Communists had still not got rid of the habit of ordering them about.

The United Peasant Party is allied with the Communist United Workers Party in the National Unity front and accepted its leadership.

Speakers at today's meeting of the provincial committee said that in places the co-operation between the two parties was not what it should be, and it was because some of the old habits still existed.

There had also been tendencies on the part of the peasant party to break away from concerted action with the United Workers Party.

Attention had also been drawn to a growth of fighting tendencies in the Peasant Party, especially among the intelligentsia. — China Mail Special.

## LADY CHURCHILL TO DRIVE AGAIN

London, May 5.  
Lady Churchill, who is 72 this year, is learning to drive again although the last time she drove was nearly 20 years ago.

According to a Sunday Express gossip column writer today, she has bought a new car for her personal use, which will be delivered tomorrow.

She is going through a refresher course with the proprietor of a local driving school at Westham in Kent, near Chartwell, the Churchills' home.

According to the report, Lady Churchill drives at a fair speed but she has to check a tendency to keep to the crown of the road. — China Mail Special.

## Demonstrations To Be Launched

Tokyo, May 5.  
The Japanese Government announced today that it will launch a series of nationwide student demonstrations against the United States atomic bomb tests.

The demonstrations will be held in the form of rallies and marches in the cities of Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe, and Yokohama. The government said it would provide protection for the demonstrators.

## MAKARIOS'S RETURN 'WITHERED' HOPES OF SETTLEMENT

Washington, May 5.  
A Turkish spokesman said today the return of Archbishop Makarios to the political scene has "withered" hopes of a "just, peaceful and democratic solution" of the Cyprus dispute.

The statement was made over a Washington radio station by Nuri Eren, director of the Turkish information office in New York. Eren spoke in reply to a transcript of a talk by Makarios the same station had broadcast a week ago.

Eren said the archbishop's address, made upon his arrival in Greece from exile and reviving demands for union between Cyprus and Greece, caused new demonstrations in Greece added to Greek "intransigence."

"The exacerbation of the annexationist feeling in Greece has had adverse repercussions in Turkey," Eren said. "Turkish opinion that was patiently waiting for a mutually satisfactory solution of the problem has begun to question the wisdom of patience."

He said that Great Britain is anxious to introduce measures leading to self-determination as soon as terrorism is ended. But the Archbishop's statements are not helpful in this direction, he said. He concluded by saying that he hoped Makarios would soon show a disposition for a moderate compromise on the situation. — United Press.

### Tragic Role

Eren said Makarios' reputation as "liberator" is built on support of Greece. He challenged the claim that Greek Cypriots as a whole want enosis. If that were so, he said, then "why is it that out of 250 persons murdered by the terrorist Greek organisation, more than 150 were Cypriot Greeks?"

Eren charged Makarios with playing a "tragic role."

"More than anybody he has helped to crystallise opinion within Greece—and I do not say Cyprus—around the idea of annexation," he said. "More than anybody else he has helped to dramatise the issue before the eyes of the world."

"The idea of a cleric fighting for the good of his people is naturally a sympathetic one, especially in the present era of Communist aggression where clericalism like Hinduism have helped to keep the torch of freedom burning. In this they were sustained by the undivided conscience and will of their people."

A statement issued by the Alliance headquarters after today's meeting said the delegation in its London talks "can justly claim that it had behind it the overwhelming majority of the population of Malaya."

The Malayan delegation, headed by Chief Minister Tanjong Abdul Rahman, will leave for London on May 9. — France-Press.

### Monopoly

"But the parallel between them and the archbishop stops short here. How would you, as an American, feel if your minister demanded of you to support his political opinions and to support upon you by refusing to register your children at military school? You would be completely at his mercy since all such formalities in Cyprus fall within the monopoly of the Church..."

"We in Turkey had hoped that the resolution of the United States asking for a just, peaceful and democratic solution would pave the way for an agreement... the return of the Archbishop to the political scene has withered this hope on the vine."

John H. Peck, Director-General of the British Information Service in New York, said in a broadcast over the same station that if any solution acceptable to all parties involved in the Cyprus situation is obtained, it must be undertaken in an atmosphere of peace and freedom of expression.

He advocated a statement designed to cover in general terms the position of those territories, if Singapore could be used as a model, this should be stated, he said.

Sir Hilary added that the time had come when the Commonwealth relations office and the Colonial office should be reunited. — France-Press.

### Paradoxical

He said Makarios' statements since his release have not contributed to this atmosphere but have been paradoxical and in some respects terrifying.

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## JUMP OF 90,000 FEET FROM US GONDOLA

New Brighton, May 5.  
A large plastic balloon carrying a dummy parachutist and a specially built gondola rose over Southern Minnesota today to test equipment for the air force's "high dive" bale-out this summer over New Mexico.

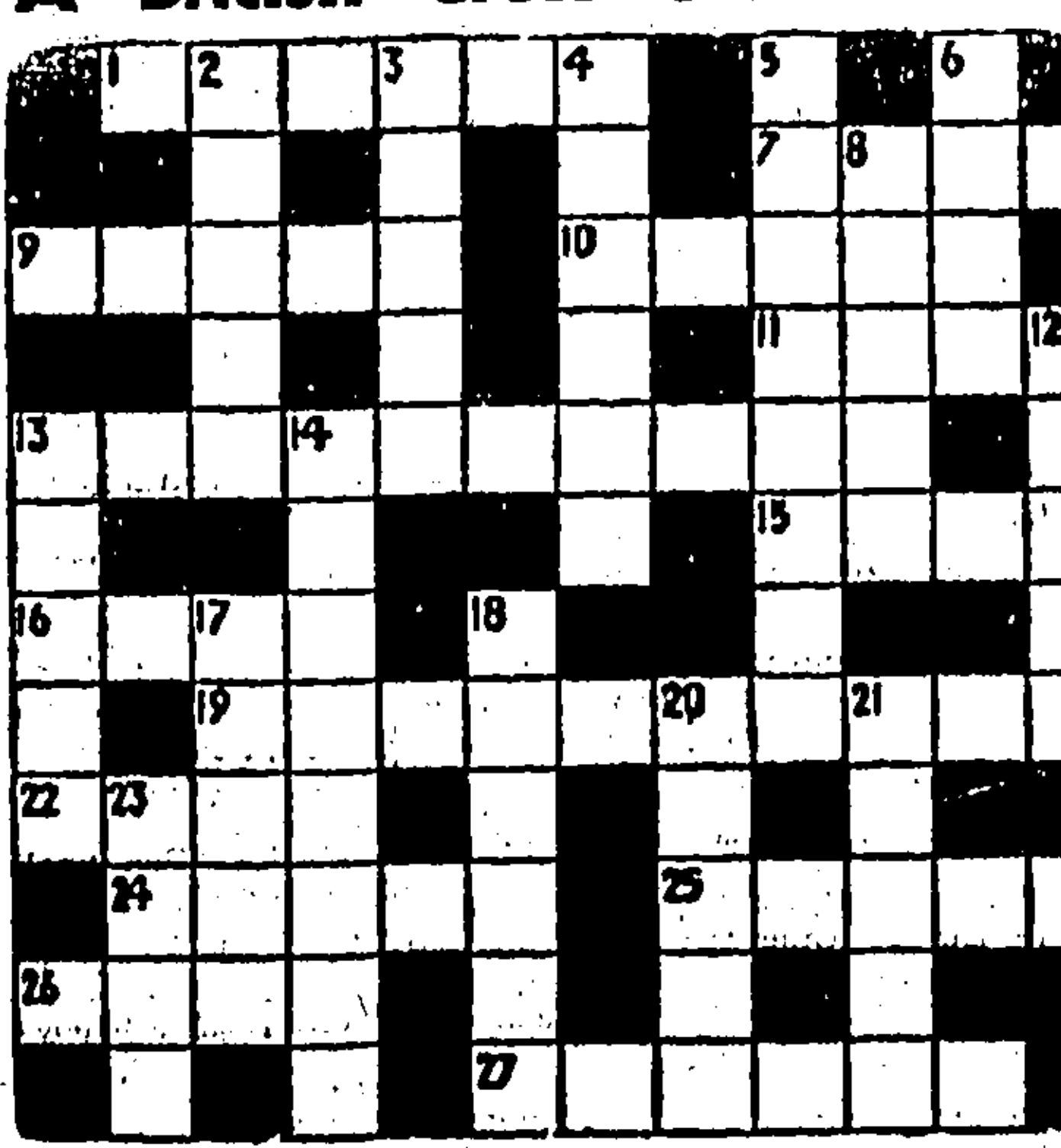
Technicians for Central Mills Incorporated, which designed and built the helium-filled balloon, said the balloon, which was the life-size dummy and the gondola, would be out loose.

Observers included Captain Henry Nielsen, of the air force's Aero-Medical Laboratory, who has volunteered to ride the gondola, and a pilot who will be in the same altitude over New Mexico.

The balloon reached an altitude of 90,000 feet, but an automatic triggering mechanism failed to release the gondola and dummy at the scheduled time.

A radio-actuated device can be used to release them, but the balloon was over a town and officials were afraid to release them over a populated area. — China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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### Inside the Heroin Den

These are genuine pictures. They show a man with the heroin pipe. A small dish beside him holds more heroin pellets. The other picture shows two heroin pipes and the equipment that goes with them. But few addicts use this method... too bulky... too easily detected. Heroin can be stuffed inside a cigarette and smoked in public without giving the addict away. (Inset—Opium equipment for comparison.)

#### CHAPTER TWO

IN Hongkong there are three times as many addicted to heroin as there are to opium.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. A. C. Maxwell, said this during the course of an hour-long interview.

"The Police drive against opium has been much more successful because it is easier to detect and suppress whereas it is very difficult to detect heroin smoking," he said.

This is one of the main factors behind the big switch to heroin in recent years. That, and its price (heroin smokes work out cheaper than opium), uncomplicated methods of smoking—and perhaps its greater potency.

Three doctors I spoke to said a parallel difference between opium and heroin could be found in whisky and methyl alcohol.

I interrupted the first doctor who told me that: "I thought methyl alcohol could kill you?"

"That's right," he said. "Heroin addiction is suicide by instalments."

The switch from opium to heroin is clearly shown in prison figures which indicate that in 1953 or 1,221 addicts in Stanley only 40 were on heroin. In 1956, of 8,829 addicts, 3,903 were on heroin and 3,379 were on opium and heroin.

#### How did heroin get such a hold on Hongkong? How did it get here in the first place?

It made its appearance in China soon after World War I when Japan was awarded the former German province of Shantung. Men in Hongkong today who spent the pre-war years in Peking and Tientsin recall that Japanese chemist shops sold heroin openly and that newspapers published "blacklists" of the shops where a known heroin sale was made.

The Japanese Consulate took action to close them but the trade persisted usually on the fringes of foreign concessions where they were outside the jurisdiction of the Police, and the Christian university hospitals, particularly I believe at Chee-loo, continued to receive cases of heroin addiction.

A senior Government official in Hongkong who was here before World War II told me Japanese troops brought heroin into North China to control the people. "I don't know whether it was Japanese Army policy or the practice of a few commanders who anticipated difficulty and resistance—but anyway the population of North China was riddled with heroin addiction. There was also some in South China but not nearly as much."

"Mind you, the Japanese soldiers themselves were not allowed to smoke heroin. If

they were caught with it, it was the death penalty," he said. I don't know whether this allegation was ever substantiated or whether it grew out of the Shantung heroin scandal and became widely accepted because the Japanese Army was so completely unscrupulous and unprincipled.

Others I know, who spent the pre-war years in North China say heroin was primarily a money-making racket during the occupation and that Chinese collaborators were involved with the Japanese in the trade.

But the fact remains that heroin smoking flourished during the Japanese occupation of the North China provinces. I understand it was also prevalent in Shanghai before and immediately after the war. Most of the people I interviewed believed that heroin smoking was brought to this Colony when the Communists swept south and refugees from all parts of China sought safety in Hongkong.

Before that heroin was virtually unknown here. Now opium is common to the older generation and, largely due to successful suppression by the Police, is thought to be dying out. Heroin and morphine are clearly a younger generation's choice, the harsh deadly extreme characteristic of the times in which we live.

One of the main factors behind the spread of heroin is to be found in the economic conditions of the working class and unemployed. A senior Social Welfare officer said: "There has been a definite fall in the standard of living because our trade has fallen off with the imposition of the embargo and also because of the changed methods of trade."

ing adopted by the Chinese Government.

"On top of all this the population keeps growing—I think the taking of drugs brings a little excitement into some very dreary lives—it is very much like drink in the Victorian era."

Figures already quoted prove its prevalence among a category of people who can ill afford the expenditure it entails. The majority whose addiction leads them to prison tell doctors (famous last words) that they never intended to allow it to get such a hold on them.

Many long to be rid of the curse of the drug but the

cleaning cars and spent \$8 a day on heroin. He was married with two children.

I asked if he gave the remaining \$6 a day to his wife. He said no, his wife went out to work in a cotton mill for \$80 a month. She earned enough to support the family and so there was no need to worry. But if he had to support the family he would give up his addiction. He said he would cut off his addiction when he had completed his present sentence.

This was his second spell in prison—on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs—and he'd taken heroin with a hypodermic for two years. His intentions may have been sincere

## By ROBIN HUTCHEON

dominant urge is to get more and more and very few addicts have the willpower to take themselves along to a public hospital for treatment.

An appreciable number of attempted suicide cases are addicts who have given up the unequal struggle of trying to get away from it.

I know of at least two men in one month whose cases came to the Social Welfare Office, whose addiction had driven them to this extreme. One leapt off a ferry and was saved and another leapt off the top of a building and was stopped by a protruding railway line.

In the case of addicts with dependents, wives and children are generally neglected and separation follows. In Central prison I asked one addict who took his heroin intravenously what his daily earnings and expenditure were. He said he earned \$12 a day

but when he is released he goes back presumably to car cleaning, back to the same environment that was responsible for his addiction, back to a wife who no longer trusts him, who has to work to support his family and who no longer respects him, back to a despair that perhaps only drugs can relieve. The doctor could have told him: he doesn't stand a chance.

Sheer ignorance and that curious Chinese faith in quackery are other reasons for its spread. Small stomach pains or headaches that should have been treated with a dose of bicarb or two aspirins, have driven a staggering number to heroin. Almost every other woman addict in Laichok prison hospital gave her reason for starting on these two pains. And the tout who peddles it claims it is not only a

pain killer but, more dangerously, a "cure for TB".

Doctors I have spoken to claim that one strong dose is enough to turn all but a very strong-willed person into an addict.

The incidence of TB in this Colony is fairly high. Many fortunately are either in proper clinics or are receiving outpatient treatment, but I wonder how many more have fallen for this monstrous lie that heroin will "cure TB".

Another aspect of the drug trade is that prices are not, unfortunately, prohibitively expensive. The poorest addict appears to be able to get sufficient daily to satisfy his craving.

#### Here are some prices:

First, from a wholesaler's viewpoint: Ten pounds of raw opium yields approximately one pound of morphine (10,000 unadulterated smokes), or 17½ ounces of heroin (about 11,000 unadulterated smokes). Heroin costs at current rates between \$194-\$300 an ounce for various grades. Amongst other factors determining the price is the popularity of the brand. At these prices, one unadulterated smoke of heroin should cost between 30 and 50 cents.

#### Now from the retailers' viewpoint.

I have to rely on figures given by a prisoner. They cannot be taken as accurate

but the prison doctor said "they were about right."

This addict paid \$3.20 for one fan of Red Chicken (a brand name) heroin. It is a popular brand but in adulterated form and far from being highly refined.

One fan is one-hundredth of a tael. There are 12 taels to a lb, so that prisoner paid about the same as the current wholesale price. Where he loses, of course, is in the adulteration.

Most heroin—possibly with the exception of one brand of pink pills on the market which has a very small dose content but which is popular because of its lucky colour—is powerful enough to give the desired

effect without the addict being aware of the extent of its adulteration. This gives manufacturers a pretty free hand and a pretty fair profit.

It must be a fair profit because in the United States prices are said to be something like six times Hongkong prices and 20 times port of origin prices and, logically, as the Commissioner of Police, Mr. A. C. Maxwell says, as this is a world-wide trade it will follow the best market.

In the next article I will tell you something of the methods of smoking heroin and some of the problems Police and Revenue officers have encountered in fighting dope peddling.

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# JAMES MASON UNMASKS THE KILLER

WHO is the mysterious Jerry Wilton? The man who went to prison for stealing a diamond necklace which was never recovered... the man who, on his release turned up at Elstree Film studios because his aunt's furniture had been sold and was now being used by the props department for the sets... the man who, according to James Mason, star of the film *Island in the Sun*, must have murdered Joseph Rappapley, crooked inquiry agent who had bribed his way into the studio.

But who is Wilton? Is he one of the stars? One of the staff? Or one of the four visitors Joy Raymond, the publicity girl, was taking round the studios at the time of the murder? James Mason finds the missing necklace in an ebony ruler—and knows he is at the end of his quest.

TEN minutes later Property Master Jack Ramsay rang Stage One and asked to speak to James Mason. He sounded puzzled. "Funny thing, Mr. Mason, you know you were asking about ebony rulers? Someone else was asking about them only a couple of minutes ago. Wanted to know if I had one in stock. I told 'em what I told you. Was that wrong?"

"Of course not. What did he look like?" "Wasn't a man, it was a woman. Blonde hair, and hesitated a bit in talking. Mason spent the next half-hour in an agony of apprehension, looking sharply at every body who entered the studio. But nothing happened. The rostrum filled up with people. Michael Rennie came on to the set, walked over and asked: "What luck with ebony rulers?"

Before Mason could answer Zanuck and Rossen appeared and began to talk about positioning in the murder scene. Mason's actor's conscience began to operate, and he joined in the discussion with vigour. In any case he was now in the middle of the rostrum and unable to watch the studio door.

BACK TO WORK Joy Raymond came in, looking more harassed than usual, with tubby little Joe Baker in tow. "I feel like Little Bo-Peep," she complained. "I've lost Mrs. Mackintosh and Mr. Melville and I don't know—oh, there you are."

Mrs. Mackintosh emerged a little guilty from somewhere at the back of the set. "I've just been looking around."

"Where's Mr. Melville—and his cousin? I left you with them."



"Oh Jerry, Jerry, I told you it was no good."

evade Mason's look on him. With another crash, the lights came on. The man in Mason's grip stopped struggling and looked up with a rather engaging smile. He was a burly young man, clean-shaven, wearing a workman's overalls.

"I don't know that man," Joy Raymond said. "Or do I?" "I think you do," Mason said. "Allow me to introduce Jerry Wilton, young man about York-shire, amateur crackman, and I'm very much afraid killer of Joe Rappapley. Take off the moustache and a rather false American accent and you have Mr. Alvin Melville, public relations consultant. And his confederate, the lady who threw the switch, can't be far away."

"Here she is." The set guard, Charlie Hinton, led forward the blonde girl who had spoken to Mason outside the pub.

"Do what you like to me," Jerry Wilton said hurriedly. "But let Ginny go. She only did what I told her to do. She's my wife."

"Oh Jerry, Jerry." Now she was on her knees beside him. "I told you it was no good." "No good be damned," Jerry Wilton said carefully. "It was an audacious idea, and nothing succeeds like audacity. I was just unlucky."

At a small celebration afterwards, Mason lifted his champagne glass, looked at its bubbles thoughtfully and said: "Wilton was perfectly right. He was

by a couple of feet away from him. The torch was directed at the bureau.

At the moment it went off, Mason dived towards it. His hands found a body, gripped, they fell to the floor, his legs twisted over in a scissor lock. Then this body was moving like an eel, fighting with hands and knees, butting with head, slipping and twisting to

unlucky. His original plan was simple.

"He got a friend in America to send across the note introducing him as Alvin Melville, and asking to look round the studios. That's a routine request and nobody would think of querying it. He simply intended to burgle the Property Department and obtain the diamond necklace in the ruler quietly and peacefully."

"His bad luck started when he met Rappapley, who had followed him to Elstree. Rappapley demanded a fifty-fifty share of the necklace, and no doubt also threatened to give away Wilton's presence at the studio."

BAD LUCK

"That would have been fatal, so Wilton strangled him. Then he had bad luck with the burglary, in the fact that two of the three ebony rulers were out on sets. And his third piece of bad luck came today, when he'd had the thundering audacity not merely to come here again himself but to bring his wife as well, calling her his cousin."

"That was when I happened to see and recognise him beyond the arc lamps. Otherwise he might have jumped down got the ruler in the darkness, and walked out after the scene was over."

"Where are the diamonds now?" Joan Collins asked. "Can we see them?" "I'm afraid you can't. They're in the hands of Inspector Bellows."

"I don't see even how why you were so sure it was a visitor," Pat Owens said. "Nor how you knew Wilton was Melville."

"Nobody but a visitor would have tried to hide the body," Mason said emphatically. "That was the central fact of the case. Why should anybody working on the set have done it? None of us could establish an alibi, and we could pick our time for burbling the Property Department since we are down here at most every day. It couldn't possibly help anybody regularly on the set to delay the finding of the body by a few hours."

"But assume that the killer was a visitor, and that he was

looking for something urgently, and hiding the body temporarily made sense."

"So I reasoned that it was a visitor. Which one? Rappapley's conversation told me. Remember what he said: 'The idea of thinking you could trick me with that make-up. What part are you playing, anyway?' You all interpreted that as meaning that he must have been talking to somebody working on the set, but if you consider the words you'll see that they don't mean anything of the sort."

"Look at any of us. We are made up, certainly, but nobody would have any difficulty about recognising us. Rappapley's words imply something else—the idea of disguise. And there was only one person in the whole case to whom such words could possibly apply—the bearded and moustached Alvin Melville."

"Sounds simple when you tell it," Michael Rennie said. "Anything else?"

A LAPSE

Mason laughed. "One small thing. When we were in the pub Melville engaged me in conversation. While we were talking he said that Pat and Joan here were regular bobby-dazzlers. Now, that's a word you only hear in the North of England—I know it, because that's where I come from. But Melville said he was American born and bred, and had never come to England before. I knew he was lying."

"Fascinating," said Joan Collins. "Are you going to set up as a private investigator, James?" "It's a tempting idea—especially with two regular bobby-dazzlers as assistants—but too dangerous. I might really be led on to kill somebody like Joe Rappapley. If I had the chance."

He drained his glass and threw it over his shoulder. "Ladies and gentlemen, I am respectfully informing you that James Mason, Private Investigator, is now out of business."

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LAWN BOWLS

# RECREIO ONLY CLUB TO SCORE A TRIPLE IN FIRST WEEK'S GAMES

By "TOUCHER"

Club de Recreio led the way as the 48th Colony Annual Lawn Bowls League season went under way during the week-end. Winners of the coveted First Division title on already nine previous occasions, they installed themselves yesterday as the top early-season favourites for the premier honours when they outbowed last year's champions, Kowloon Cricket Club by the margin of four points to one.

Convincing wins of 4-1 by their Second Division team over the Filipino Club "Blues" and of 5-0 by their Third Division representatives over Indian Recreation Club enabled them to be the only Club to score the triple in the first week's League games.

For an opening-season game the First Division match between Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club produced a reasonably good standard of bowls and could probably have been higher but for the trickiness of the green.

Greatly strengthened by the return of their Empire Games skipper, Raoul Luz, with a much more formidable line-up in all the other positions, the Recreio twelve were already well within sight of victory even as early as the fifth head. Raoul Luz's four had by then taken a 7-1 lead over Hong Sling's four and Johnny Ribeiro's four a similar lead over Tommy Baker and his men. On the third rink, the Recreio four skipped by A. A. Lopes were also enjoying a lead, though a smaller one of 6-4 over Farley Kermann's four.

As the match progressed some very fine bowls were seen in the game between the fours skipped by Raoul Luz and Hong Sling. Although Luz and his front-men led all the way to win comfortably by 20-11, some very good shots were played by both sides, particularly the three and the skips, and the winners were made to fight for their shots all the way.

The winning four, F. X. M. Silva, Alarcos, Jackie Noronha and Raoul Luz showed up as a combination with Jackie Noronha and Raoul Luz particularly in top form.

For the losers, Red Symons playing as lead showed the effects of a season's lay-off of the game and had that unfortunate experience of repeatedly falling that yard short of the jack.

Slepietson at No. 2 though less consistent than his opposing number, did, however, put up his share of some good shots.

Both Jack Chubb at No. 3 and skip Hong Sling were the mainstays of the losing four. But for their ability to match the brilliant play of their opposing numbers, the margin of their defeat could have easily been double of what it was.

A CLOSE FIGHT Recreio's J. A. Luz, C. Rozza Pereira, C. C. Pereira and A. A. Lopes were given a close fight by KCC's W. Baker, T. Alves, J. E. Duffield and F. R. Kermann until the ten-interval when the score stood at 9-9 after the 10th head. Play resolved itself into mainly a drawing battle between the two sides. Baker gave a good account of himself during the first by holding his own against his reputed opposite number Joe Luz and up to this stage there was very little to choose from between the two, three and skips, each putting up a fair number of good shots and then lapsing into inaccurate play. Two heads however, deserved special mention. On the 7th head, the Recreio four, who were leading by 8-2 were lying five shots, when KCC skip Kermann drew a beautiful touch with his last wood to clip his opponent's bowling from a runaway win. On the 9th head, Lopes culminated the feat of his opposing skip by drawing a similar shot with a count of three against him.

After the ten-interval, the Recreio four exerted their superiority in practically all positions except that of No. 2 where Tony Alves put up any sort of resistance. Specially evident was the distinct advantage enjoyed by the Recreio three and skip over their opposite numbers. Chalk-ing up a four with drawn shots on the resumption, they comfortably carried the score to 24-13.

ONLY POINT The Cricket Club's only point was scored by S. Y. Doe, J. Tang, M. J. Divessa and Tommy Baker, who fought back from a 1-7 fifth head deficit to win by 26-17. Up to the end of the 9th head, their opposing four of Spotty Pereira, L. M. Rodrigues, C. E. Passos and Johnny Ribeiro had a clear edge over them, mainly against the Recreio four who were enjoying a 9-5 lead until the faithful tenth head, the last head before tea.

With opponents lying two shots, Johnny Ribeiro, in attempting a heavy shot, had the bad luck to take out his own four. This increased the count to four against him. Baker drew in the fifth and put his side to a 10-9 lead for the first time in the game. After tea, the KCC four could do nothing wrong. John Tang and Baker, in particular, were right in their elements. In contrast, the play of the Recreio four gradually fell off as attempts by them to register some big counts were nullified by Baker's ability to be there with either the first shot or second.

With the Indian Recreation Club "Blues" deprived of four points in their opening game by their own club-mates, the "Gold" Recreio's main opposition this season will undoubtedly come from Craighower Cricket Club. The Valley Club bowlers have been knocking at the door of the First Division title for the last few seasons and have an equally if not more balanced team than Recreio.

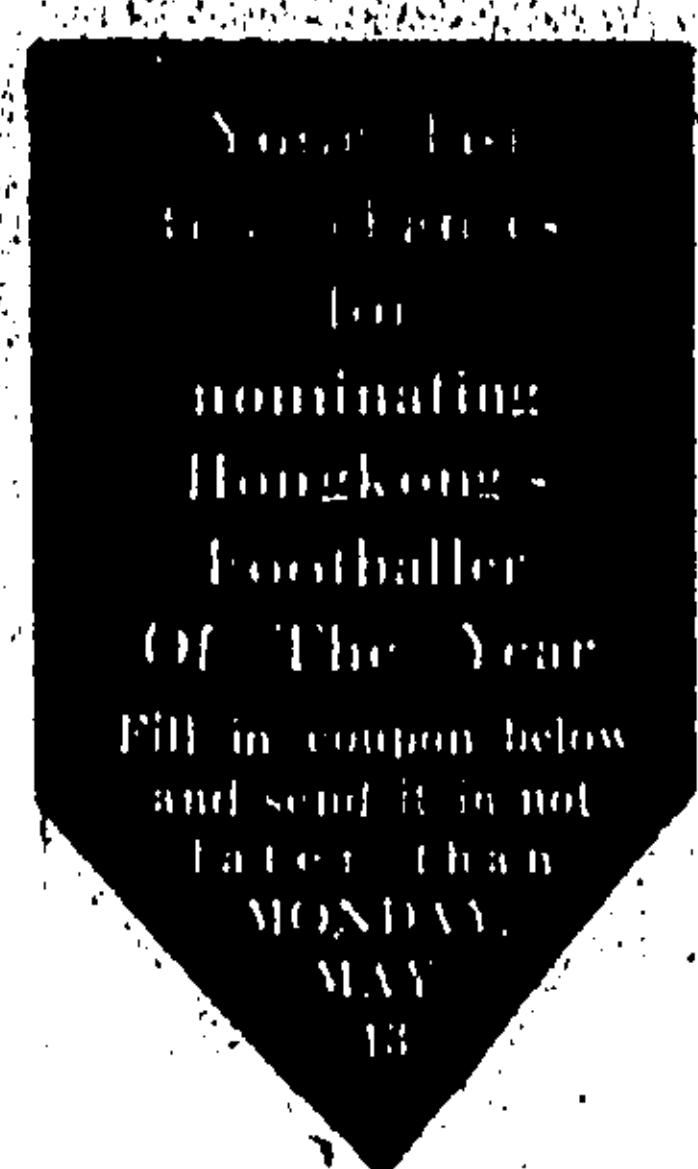
In their opening match on Saturday, they had luck as well on their side, when they took 4½ points off the newly-promoted Kowloon Dock Club. Brilliant bowling by the Dock skip, G. Coles prevented his team from being completely white-washed. From 3-9 and 8-14, he and his men fought back pluckily to end up with two successive twos and the 20th and 21st head to tie the score at 10-10 against W. C. Young, G. F. Santos, G. Hong Choy and A. E. Coates.

AN EVEN MATCH The KCC four of W. McKay, R. Morrison, W. Davidson and five men, who were short just that little bit of luck in not being able to earn another point for the Dock, pitted against F. Lee, W. C. Ogley, G. A. Souza and J. S. Landolt, they had an even match until the 20th head when the score was tied at 20-20.

All throughout, the match was featured by fine bowling by the two leads and the No. 3's. On the last head, the Dock No. 3, Davidson drew what appeared to be a winning shot just two inches behind the jack. George Souza, however, went one better by slicing the jack to one of his side's own woods and with the jack almost touching the shot wood, there was little that "Gourley" could do to stop the CCC four from chalk-ing up the winning shot.

Surprise performance of the evening was given by the Craighower four of C.K. Sung, M. Q. Wong, F. O. Mdar and C. R. Rossetti. Rossetti took over the skip's role owing to the inability of Stanley Leonard to make the game and gave a highly creditable performance. Equally praiseworthy was the bowling of C.K. Sung and M.Q. Wong, the two bowlers who came up from the ranks of the Craighower Second Division team.

Except for a dramatic turn on the 15th, 16th and 17th head, the Craighower four lead all the way to win by 25-10. At the end of the 14th head they were well up by 17-4. Heavy shots that gave adverse results by skip Rossetti and a fine stand by the KCC four of R. Lapley, S. Telford, W. Riley and A. Elliott saw them collect a three, a five and a three on these three heads to close up the gap to 15-17. Sobbing up, the Craighower four put in all they had into the remaining four heads and made sure of



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BASEBALL

## Milwaukee Braves Now Leading By Two Games In National League

New York, May 5. Han Aaron contributed a three-run homer, a double and a pair of singles to lead the Milwaukee Braves to a 10-7 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers today and enable them to increase their National League lead to two games.

The Braves overcame a four-run deficit to win, coming up with three runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth, and then rode to victory on the fine relief pitching of Ernie Johnson, who gave up only one scratch hit over the last six innings.

Bob Buhl and Sal Maglie were the starters but neither lasted long. Buhl giving up five runs in the first inning and Maglie being tagged for six hits and three runs during the three innings he pitched. Relieve Rene Valdes was charged with the loss, however, Roy Campanella hit a three-run homer for Brooklyn.

Cincinnati ran its winning streak to seven-straight games by taking both ends of a doubleheader from Pittsburgh 6-2 and 7-3. Brooks Lawrence scattered six hits for his third victory in the opener which was decided by Frank Robinson's three-run homer in the fifth. Don Gross went the distance for the Redlegs in the nightcap. Gus Bell and Roy McMillan each drove in two runs for Cincinnati. Bell and Hank Folles of the Pirates hit homers. Luis Arroyo was the loser in the opener and Bob Purkey suffered the defeat in the nightcap.

There were no major upsets in the Second Division. Teams which are expected to be well among the top this year, as Recreio, CCC, HKFC, KCC and Filipino Club "Red" won all their games fairly comfortably. In the Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, last year's runners-up, showed the most impressive form with an overwhelming 98-39 win over HKFC. Recreio, HKPSA and Stanley Club who all emerged winners in their respective games will probably be the other top contenders in this division this season.

THE FIRST GAME The St. Louis Cardinals swept a doubleheader from the Philadelphia Phillies 8-4 and 2-0. St. Louis trailed the Phils 4-0 in the first game but knock-

ed out southpaw Curt Simmons with a four-run rally in the sixth. Highlight of the rally was a two-run single by ex-Phillie Del Ennis, who was playing his first game in Philadelphia since being traded to St. Louis.

The Cars then went on to score three more runs in the seventh off loser Bob Miller. Sam Jones turned a four-batter into a four-run inning. Cardinals' Harvey Haddix, Ennis singled home both St. Louis runs. Bob Schilling's Chicago Cubs snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 10-inning 8-3 victory over the Giants in the first game of a doubleheader. The Giants won the second game, 6-2, on Joe Mauer's seven-hit pitching.

Jim Bolger drove in five runs in the first game which was decided when the Cubs rallied for five runs in the 10th. Rookie Dick Drott, who relieved Bob Rush in the seventh, gave up only two hits in the last four innings to register his first major league victory.

In the nightcap, the Giants snapped a six-game losing streak of their own by knocking out Moe Drabowsky in the third inning after Daryl Spencer

rapped him for a two-run homer in the second frame. The Yankees took over the American League lead by defeating the White Sox twice, 4-2 and 3-0, to extend their winning streak to six games.

Johnny Kucik checked Chicago on three hits in the nightcap for his first victory while lefty Bobby Shantz scattered seven hits to win the opener. The Yanks rallied for three runs off southpaw Billy Pierce in the fourth inning of the first game on Gil McDougald's triple, Mickey Mantle's home, a double by Yogi Berra and Billy Martin's single.

The World Champion got to Jack Harshman for another three-run rally in the fourth inning of the nightcap on two walks, Berra's single and Elston Howard's triple.

SOUTH CHINA—4, ARMY—2

## IT WAS GRAND TO SEE "GENTLEMAN" TONG SHEUNG BACK IN ACTION AGAIN

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

I must confess I'm a little baffled. At the end of this game in which South China beat the Army by four goals to two, I talked to various football folks about it. The conflict of opinion was most marked. Some said it was a good game yet others were scathing in their criticism of the play of both sides.

One well-known football personality said it was a case of South China passing the ball to the Army and the soldiers showing their generosity by passing it right back to the Chinese boys.

Personally for all its shortcomings I enjoyed the encounter. I found much to admire in the industry of the players who, in spite of very trying conditions, kept going at a hot pace right to the end. On there were bouts of bad passing, outright and there were frequent spells of careless and overcautious play by individuals... but, considering everything, this game—without ever aspiring to being a thriller—was at least satisfying as soccer entertainment, and if this is the worst stuff, I shall have to watch then I shall not complain unduly.

Nevertheless there was a lot in the accusation that the game failed to equal many of the memorable South China-Army meetings of the past... and it would be futile to pretend that either side measures up to the high standard of even a few short years ago... but here at least we had honest endeavour. Unpolished it may sometimes have been: sometimes too, it may have lacked the fire one has come to expect when these traditional rivals are in opposition: but generally it held the interest of the spectators, and that is a lot more than many recent games have done.

TWO MAIN REASONS There were two main reasons why the soldiers had to accept defeat after establishing an early goal. The first was a woeful lack of finishing power in the inside forward berth... and the second was their defensive persistence in retreating before the South China attack.

Let's deal with these in turn. Martin and Owen were two of a kind. Both were clever ball players but neither of them—on this showing—could have shot their way through a damp newspaper. Time after time movements which started in the most promising way fizzled out at the vital stage due entirely to lack of punch and power on the part of the inside men!

The retreating defence policy is soccer suicide against a team whose inside forwards keep the ball close and worm their way through to goal. It is a system that is sometimes profitable when the opposition is swinging the ball about... but it topples completely against ball-holding forwards.

This has been proved many times in many parts of the world. It was endorsed again here where the soldiers went into retreat in the face of every South China attack. Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yn each got two goals... and both might have scored at least another one apiece... that's the proof.

In Hogan, the Army had the hardest worker afield. The right-half had a grand game, and several times he tried to bolster up his willing forward line by going right up to the attack himself. His distribution was as good as I have ever seen from him and his enterprising play destroyed better than the defeat that came to his side.

SOCCER DIGNITY It was grand to see Tong Sheung, "Football's Gentleman", back in action again. A little heavier than of yore, and maybe short of a burst of speed, Tong rode through the game with all the soccer dignity we have come to admire so much. His presence made a world of difference to the balance of this often inconsistent South China team, and his return can only be to the benefit of his club and of course to Colony football.

In the early stages of play the soldiers showed plenty of relief from Ike DeLoek in the eighth—United Press.

THE SCORES American League

(1st Game)  
Boston 000 000 000—3-10-9  
Cleveland 000 000 000—12-10-2  
W. Nixon (2-0) and White, Lemon, Pate (2), McLeod (1), Tomack (1) and E. Nixon, LP—Lemon (1-3).

(2nd Game)  
Boston 000 000 100—10-0-0  
Cleveland 000 000 000—3-10-0  
Sisler, DeLoek (1) and Alex, Garcia, Pate (1), Nardick (1), Tomack (1), Nixon, WP—Sisler (1-1), LP—Garcia (1-1), LP—Nardick (1-1).  
Baltimore 000 000 000—1-0-0  
Detroit 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Johnson, Combs (1) and Ryan, Lary (1), McLeod (1), LP—Johnson (1-1), LP—Ryan (1-1).

(3rd Game)  
New York 000 000 000—6-2-0  
Chicago 000 000 000—7-0-0  
Shantz (2-1) and Berra, Pierce, Howell (1), McLeod (1), LP—Pierce (1-1), LP—Howell (1-1).  
New York 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Chicago 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Kucik (1-1) and Berra, Harshman, McDougald (1), Nardick (1), Lary (1), and Alex, LP—Kucik (1-1), LP—Berra (1-1).  
Washington 000 000 000—2-10-0  
Kansas City 000 000 000—7-10-1  
Pasquel, Hernandez (1) and Berra, Howell (1-1) and Smith, LP—Pasquel (1-1).

(4th Game)  
St. Louis 000 000 201—5-13-4  
Philadelphia 000 000 000—4-8-3  
Schmidt, McLeod (1) and H. Smith, Simpson (1), Martin (1), LP—Pierce (1-1), LP—Martin (1-1).

(5th Game)  
Cincinnati 000 000 110—6-11-3  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Lary (1-1), O'Brien (1), Yogi (1), and Alex, LP—Lary (1-1), LP—O'Brien (1-1).  
Cincinnati 000 000 000—1-0-0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Rush, Drott (1), and Kucik (1), LP—Rush (1-1), LP—Drott (1-1).  
Cincinnati 000 000 000—1-0-0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Lary (1-1), O'Brien (1), Yogi (1), and Alex, LP—Lary (1-1), LP—O'Brien (1-1).

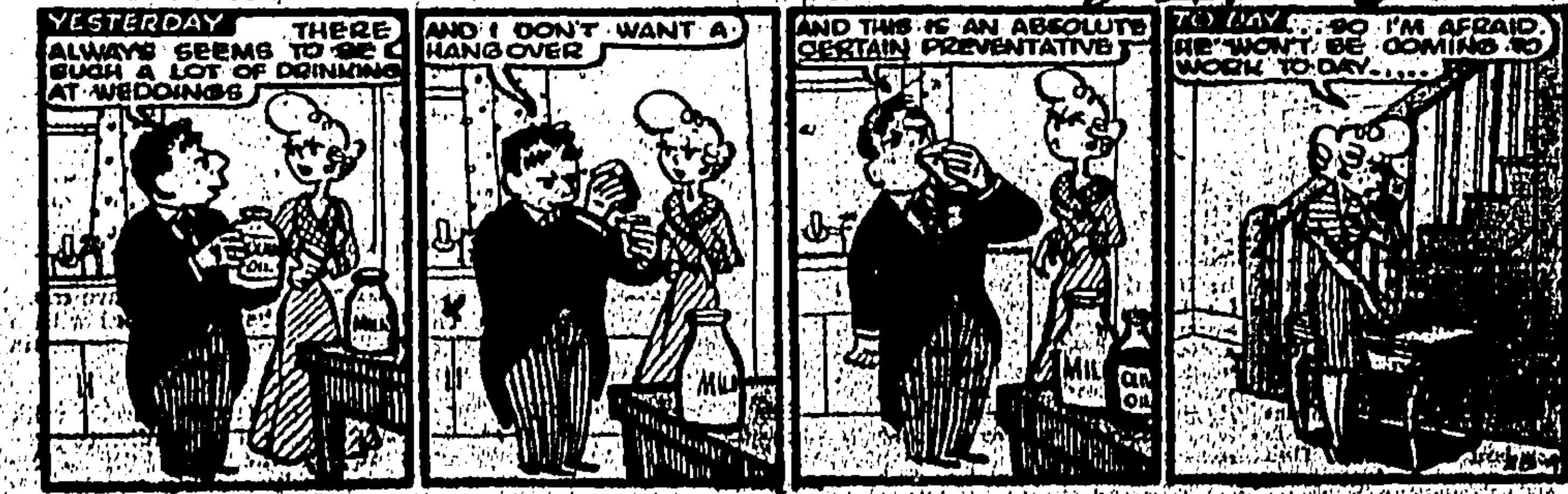
(6th Game)  
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Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Lary (1-1), O'Brien (1), Yogi (1), and Alex, LP—Lary (1-1), LP—O'Brien (1-1).  
Cincinnati 000 000 000—1-0-0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Rush, Drott (1), and Kucik (1), LP—Rush (1-1), LP—Drott (1-1).  
Cincinnati 000 000 000—1-0-0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Lary (1-1), O'Brien (1), Yogi (1), and Alex, LP—Lary (1-1), LP—O'Brien (1-1).

(7th Game)  
St. Louis 000 000 201—5-13-4  
Philadelphia 000 000 000—4-8-3  
Schmidt, McLeod (1) and H. Smith, Simpson (1), Martin (1), LP—Pierce (1-1), LP—Martin (1-1).

(8th Game)  
Cincinnati 000 000 110—6-11-3  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—3-9-0  
Lary (1-1), O'Brien (1), Yogi (1), and Alex, LP—Lary (1-1), LP—O'Brien (1-1).

(9th Game)  
St. Louis 000 000 201—5-13-4  
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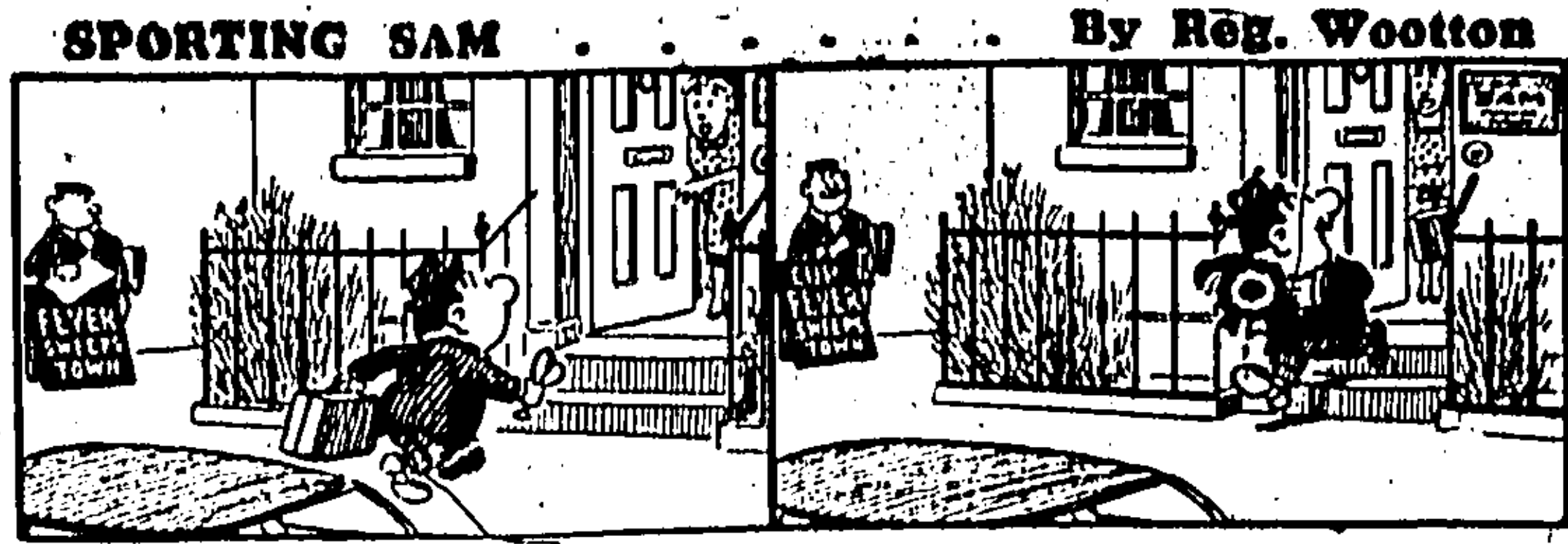
## THE GAMBOLS



## His First Polo Match Of The Season

London, May 5. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, played on the winning side in his first polo match of the season today. Watched by the Queen and her two children, Prince Philip helped his team, the Queen's Guards, to a 6-0 victory against the Red Jackets at Windsor Great Park. Prince Philip's team scored four goals, while the Red Jackets scored none.





# Some Reflections On The Colony Boxing Championships

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

The Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association deserves nothing but praise for the excellence of its arrangements and thoroughness of its preparations for the Colony Boxing Championships which were staged at the Southern Playground last Friday evening.

At the same time the Association is entitled to a deal of sympathy for these unfortunate circumstances, beyond its control, which precluded many of the Colony's best boxers from taking part in this—the most important—tournament of our fistle year.

It is surely undeniable that the enthusiasm of some of the 1957 finalists often far exceeded their boxing ability, and it is equally true that in some cases the bouts, and the participants, were hardly worthy of the occasion or of the magnificent trophies which went with both victory and defeat. But this was an "open" event and the contestants who ducked through the ropes were not, as has been suggested, pugilistic impostors.

They were there legitimately and correctly and the fact that other potential and more fancied finalists were temporarily out of the Colony had no bearing on the situation whatsoever. A entrant in an "Open" competition does not select his opponent.

## POPULAR NAMES

With a large number of the outstanding Army boxers still at Singapore, many well-known and popular names were missing from the programme and I agree with those who dub it the fickle art of conjecture that several of them—had they been able to be present—would almost certainly have won titles. But that is no reflection on the men who did compete or on the Hongkong ABA who, with the date of the Colony Championships firmly fixed since the

beginning of January, had every reason to believe that the Army representation would be the strongest possible. I cannot help feeling that the military authorities let a most important prestige event slip from their grasp.

This was undoubtedly the most important boxing competition of our sporting year. It should also have been the Army's big moment and while it is easy to understand that there were administrative difficulties in getting the boxers back here from Singapore—the exigencies of the Service—it is honest to report that their absence was not only a sad disappointment to the large and singularly distinguished audience it was also a reflection on Army boxing standing in the Colony.

It is true, of course, that the soldiers claimed four titles but apart from Captain Gould and Corporal Driver together in the Heavyweight Final, this was a grand scrap between a strong seasoned veteran and a tough opponent who showed commendable courage and above average ability. Driver found Gould a most elusive opponent who seemed capable of avoiding a blow with the merest shift of his shoulder or a simple shuffle of his feet. Driver also discovered very quickly that the crafty captain could punch with power and accuracy, yet the blonde RASC boy never once shirked an exchange of blows nor did he lose his composure when his best punches pawed the air.

## A GRAND SCRAP

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Gould was a clear winner but Driver shared equally in the applause of the crowd. It was certainly a closing bout that sent the spectators home in a satisfied frame of mind. The first three bouts on the programme went to local boys and there was no doubt at all that Fong Ki-kong in the Flyweight Division, Speedy Morales in the Bantamweight section, and Featherweight Wong Pak-ling were clearcut and worthy winners. Their well won successes should give a real fillip to our civilian clubs.

Popular Bombardier Parkes was something of a disappointment although he won his bout by a clear enough margin from Craftsman Boothman. Parkes had a grand first round and

looked set for a spectacular victory but he suddenly became 'big-punch happy' and, quite apart from running into occasional trouble from an opponent who could also hit with power, he lost his polish and his poise and finished up a very ordinary looking boxer... but a champion.

## MIDDLEWEIGHT FINAL

With names like Dinning, Dickinson and the like in mind the clash of Gnr. Morris and SAC Pendry in the Middleweight final was something of a mockery. One wag near the ringside suggested that Pendry won his title with a score of one blow to nil (I'm afraid some of us must have been yawning at the time and missed even that one)... but I liked much better the comment that a well-known sportsman took more punishment when his ringside seat collapsed than these two boxers did in the entire duration of their bout! It was probably very true.

In serious view, however, it is most satisfying to report that there was not one single disputed decision during the whole evening and the judges did some very good work. The refereeing was also excellent and both Major Webb and Sergeant Major Instructor Harris are due congratulations for their precise, authoritative and sensible control in the ring.

Here for the record books are the winners and runners-up who each had the added honour of receiving his personal award from His Excellency. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, Patron of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association:—

**Flyweight:** Winner—Fong Ki-kong (HKOBA), Runner-up—Pte. Munson.  
**Bantamweight:** Winner—Speedy Morales (U.N.A.T.), Runner-up—Kan Mo (HKOBA).  
**Featherweight:** Winner—Wong Pak-ling (HKOBA), Runner-up—Sgmn. Hunt (Army).

**Lightweight:** Winner—Gnr. Witterick (Army), Runner-up—Dvr. Bibby (Army).

**Welterweight:** Winner—Bdr. Paks (Army), Runner-up—Ctn. Boothman (Army).

**Middleweight:** Winner—SAC Pendry (RAF), Runner-up—Gnr. Morris (Army).

**Light-heavyweight:** Winner—Ctn. Brown (Army), Runner-up—LAC Duval (RAF).

**Heavyweight:** Winner—Capt. Gould (Army), Runner-up—Cpl. Driver (Army).

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# I WAS WARNED—RETIRE OR BE A CRIPPLE

Says DENIS COMPTON

The worst moment of my sporting life will be when I play my last match of first class cricket. You can imagine my regrets when I had to inform Middlesex that the 1957 season has to be my last.

I wish I could go on. I want to. I cannot bear to think of the wrench that retirement will create. But there is no alternative. It is a case of "retirement—or else."

If I carried on I would become a premature cripple. My medical advisers, who have been wonderful in providing the treatment which has enabled me to go on this far, issued a warning last summer when I was convalescing from the removal of my right knee-cap.

You can try another 12 months in cricket, but no longer," was the blunt comment.

"You may have to give up before then. But, in any case, a year is the absolute limit." I know now that my knee is sound enough for another season's cricket at home.

But my doctors will not be responsible if I attempt to go beyond my allotted span. And I have no wish to spend the rest of my life on sticks. So, 21 years after first playing for Middlesex and 20 since my first England appearance, I will be making my exit. But I intend to play as much as possible this season. I want to be remembered as an active cricketer.

Have I played my last Test innings? Who am I to say? I am sufficiently fit to consider if I am sufficiently fit to play in a five-day match. They cannot afford to choose on sentiment.

## THE FUTURE?

What is my future? I have not come to any hard decisions about that. I have a whole summer ahead of me in cricket to make up my mind. There are a number of business contacts I want to investigate.

I have had a pretty good run. I will be 39 next month. Yet, if I had had my way I would have gone on playing big cricket until I was 45.

I suppose I would have lasted longer but for aggravating the knee playing soccer. With my time over again, I would not have played soccer for as long as I did. I did not give up the big ball game until 1930, when I was 32.

## Four National Records At Chungking Meet

Paris, May 5. Four national records were improved today, the last day of the national track and field meeting in Chungking, the New China news agency reported.

Chen Yu-tai of the Peoples Liberation Army won the 1,500 metre race in four minutes, breaking the national record of 4 minutes, 0.8 seconds made in 1954.

Last year's national record of 14.93 metres for the men's 100 metres race was broken by Hao Chien-jen from Shantung Province, who covered 14.93 metres.

The 1956 national record of 3.710 points for the women's pentathlon was broken by Cheng Feng-jung of Shantung, who made a total of 3,889 points.

In the men's 10,000 metre race, armyman Wan Lu-po clocked 31 minutes, 35.8 seconds. The 1956 national record for this event was 31 minutes, 53.0 seconds.—France-Press.

**Lightweight:** Winner—Gnr. Witterick (Army), Runner-up—Dvr. Bibby (Army).

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# Boxes Dies After Title Fight In Johannesburg

Johannesburg, May 6. Pat McAteer, the British Middleweight Champion, broke down and died yesterday of a heart attack after his victory over Jimmy Elliott, his opponent in a title bout on Saturday.

McAteer and his manager, Mr. Campbell, had arranged to go to a night club to celebrate the champion's victory after the fight, but they went to the hospital where they spent hours waiting for news of Elliott.

As news of Elliott's death spread through Johannesburg, dozens of sympathisers telephoned newspapers offering help for his widow and two young sons.—Reuter.

# Frenchman May Fight Joe Brown On May 14

New York, May 5. The young French boxer, Felix Chocron, may have a chance to fight the World Light-Heavyweight Champion, Joe Brown, over 10 rounds in a non-title fight shortly.

George Kanter, American representative of Jean Bretonnel, has received an offer from fight organisers in Houston, Texas, for a Brown-Chocron fight on May 14.

Kanter has asked for the fight date to be postponed and forwarded the offer to Bretonnel.—France-Press.

# Race Driver Dies At Prescott

London, May 5. Baron Ebury, a British racing driver of some repute, was killed today when his Jaguar car overturned during racing at Prescott.

Lord Ebury was 43 years old.—France-Press.

# Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 12. Orders by Mr. Alistair Drummond Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of 4th May, 1957:

Reservants: The following persons have been accepted as Reservants in the A.F.S. 1957-58:—

Training Allowance: Instruction Allowance for the month of May 1957:—

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# Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

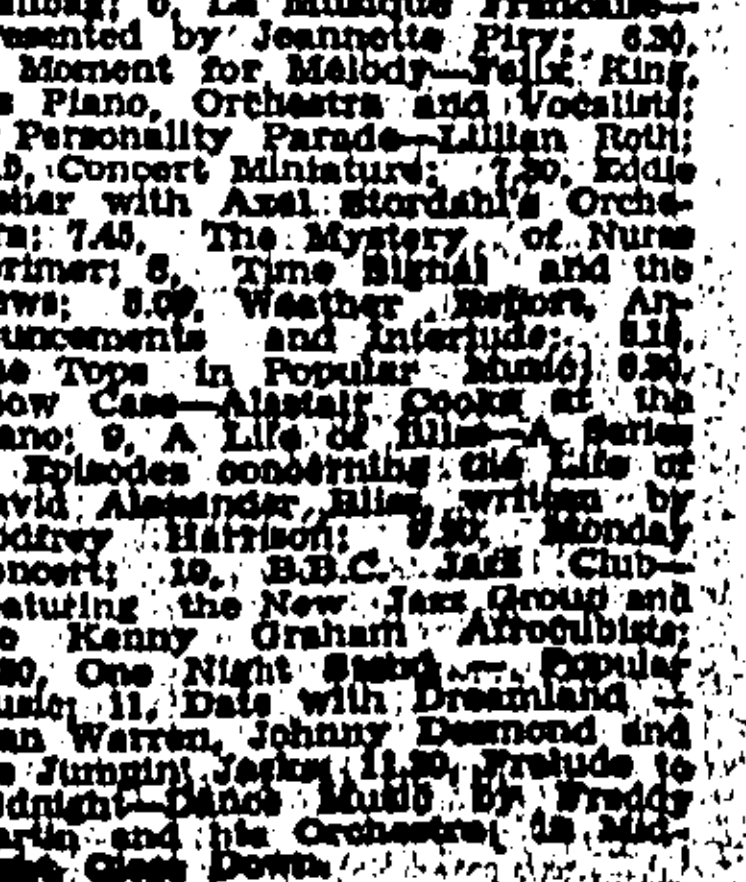
Serial No. 18. Orders by Brigadier L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated April 30, 1957.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Mace Unit—Tuesday May 7, 1957: 1. Lecture: "The Practical Art of the Rifle." 2. Practical: Rifle. 3. Rifle. 4. Rifle. 5. Rifle. 6. Rifle. 7. Rifle. 8. Rifle. 9. Rifle. 10. Rifle. 11. Rifle. 12. Rifle. 13. Rifle. 14. Rifle. 15. Rifle. 16. Rifle. 17. Rifle. 18. Rifle. 19. Rifle. 20. Rifle. 21. Rifle. 22. Rifle. 23. Rifle. 24. Rifle. 25. Rifle. 26. Rifle. 27. Rifle. 28. Rifle. 29. Rifle. 30. Rifle. 31. Rifle. 32. Rifle. 33. Rifle. 34. Rifle. 35. Rifle. 36. Rifle. 37. Rifle. 38. Rifle. 39. Rifle. 40. Rifle. 41. Rifle. 42. Rifle. 43. Rifle. 44. Rifle. 45. Rifle. 46. Rifle. 47. Rifle. 48. Rifle. 49. Rifle. 50. Rifle. 51. Rifle. 52. Rifle. 53. Rifle. 54. Rifle. 55. Rifle. 56. Rifle. 57. Rifle. 58. Rifle. 59. Rifle. 60. Rifle. 61. Rifle. 62. Rifle. 63. Rifle. 64. Rifle. 65. Rifle. 66. Rifle. 67. Rifle. 68. Rifle. 69. Rifle. 70. Rifle. 71. Rifle. 72. Rifle. 73. Rifle. 74. Rifle. 75. Rifle. 76. Rifle. 77. Rifle. 78. Rifle. 79. Rifle. 80. Rifle. 81. Rifle. 82. Rifle. 83. Rifle. 84. Rifle. 85. 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Mexico, 8 a.m.  
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## US BUSINESS 'IMMOBILE'

## Suspended Between Boom And Decline

By JOHN MORKA

New York, May 5.

U.S. business hung suspended between boom and decline last week with neither the predictions of the optimists nor the fears of the pessimists being fully carried out.

It was a situation which Fortune Magazine described as "remarkable equilibrium at a remarkably lofty level," another way of saying that the axiom "all that goes up must come down" ignores the fact that things can stand still.

The situation stacked up like this:

1. Business activity for the first four months of this year has been less than most business men expected, but only slightly less and there are no signs that it will get worse.

2. Inventories in most lines are down to zero. Despite the cautious attitude of business men, these stocks will have to be replenished, indicating an inevitable pickup in sales later in the year.

3. Capital outlays have not increased at the rate planned for the year, but most business analysts believe the outlays have only been delayed and will materialize before the end of the year.

4. Money is still tight but is likely to ease during the coming month because the demand by business for expansion credit is running about 5 billion behind what the inflation alarmists had predicted.

## Mystic Revival

After a 10,000-mile tour of the U.S. during which he talked to 5,000 business men and industrialists, the editor of the Journal of Commerce reported last week:

"The chief impression on this trip was the complete absence of any panic or even genuine fear of any immediately ahead in business; but likewise the absence of any expectation of an early resumption of a sharp upturn, now that spring has failed to bring about any mystic revival."

Automobile sales continued to be one of the major spots in the economic picture, with both Fortune Magazine and the Wall Street Journal predicting sales for the year would total about 6 million cars instead of the 6½ million predicted by the industry.

But that still would be higher than the 5.9 million cars sold in 1956.

## Home Building

Steel and home building are the other major activities currently listed on the credit side of the ledger. The Wall Street Journal said steel producers generally believe operations will drift lower in the second and third quarters, then recover in the final three months of the year. The May issue of the nation's Business Magazine predicted government moves toward credit easing in the mortgage market would have a stimulating effect on home building.

Despite the slump in steel operations generally, the U.S. Steel Corp. reported its sales of \$1,160.5 million for the first quarter of this year were the highest of any first quarter in history. Its earnings were \$115,478,109, equivalent to \$2.03 per common share, the highest of any quarter ever. Directors declared the usual quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share.

Resumption of traffic through the Suez raised an oil imports problem for the U.S. and seemed to have brought an abrupt end of a boom for the owners and operators of tank ships. At the peak of the Suez crisis, U.S. imports of crude oil fell to about 800,000 barrels daily. Now they are running more than 900,000 barrels per day. In the meantime, exports have fallen to about 350,000 barrels daily from the 600,000 barrels daily mark reached in November and March.

## Petroleum

As a result, President Eisenhower announced an investigation of oil imports and Mr. J. R. Hagdon, President of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) urged the petroleum industry to voluntarily restrict oil imports to avoid possible government curbs.

The Independent Petroleum Association predicted that oil demand in the U.S. for domestic use and exports for the 21st year of 1957 would be 6.9 per cent above 1956, but

estimated that demand during the second half of the year will be 475,000 barrels daily less than for the first half due to termination of the emergency export to Europe.

Rathbone reported that Standard Oil first quarter profit, helped by the European emergency, amounted to 237 million, equivalent to \$1.20 per share, compared with 205 million, or \$1.04 per share, in the first quarter of 1956.

## Weak Demand

Meanwhile, heavy stockpiles of petroleum products in the United States and unexpectedly weak demand for ships to move oil from the Midwest to Europe through the reopened Suez Canal dashed hopes of tanker owners for a record year.

Reflecting this condition, 15 companies which had planned to build a total of 19 large new tankers in American shipyards notified the U.S. Maritime Administration that they had abandoned the programme.—United Press.

## Weekly U.S. Cotton Goods Market

New York, May 5.

Worth Street sellers of cotton grey goods and finished fabrics again reported a week of "painfully slow" business. Consumers operated strictly on a hand-to-mouth basis. Buying just enough to take care of immediate fill-in requirements.

Optimistic market analysts, still expressing confidence that the eight-month-old famine of buying orders soon may be over, clung to the belief that depleted consumer inventories will bring a resumption of activity in another four weeks, or certainly before the "fourth" celebration in July.

Less confident and more conservative observers, disappointed by failure of many recent predictions of a buying revival to be fulfilled, were a little more vague about "waiting the turn," being satisfied with the vague observation that "come hot weather, there will be a change."

But consumers were unimpressed. They kept probing the market looking for concessions on deliveries. Manufacturers mostly turned down low bids, contending extension of the mill curtailment programme in recent weeks has been absorbing surplus stocks and that buyers will be surprised at the size of available stocks "whenever they decide to begin covering against future needs."

Weavers insisted prices are on "rock bottom" and that further concessions "are out of the question."

Buyers admitted the supply of second-hand prints and carded broadcloths are getting scarcer and that converter inventories have been whittled down to a very slender operating margin.

However, other quarters said they heard of "quiet and confidential deals" taking place on print cloths for third and fourth quarter at concessions of 1/4 to 1/2 cent under the market from mills anxious to "fatten up the order book."

Brokers in heavyweight, industrial fabrics reported full yardage of second-hand goods moved at concessions last week. Most of the buying was for spot requirements, with the lots booked described as "insignificant."

The cotton yarn situation featured further price easiness in carded counts. Reduction ranged up to a cent a pound, marking the fifth cut made since last autumn. The action came in the face of reports that several million yard quotations have been displaying a firm tone.—United Press.

## SIX-NATION PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Rome, May 5.

A leading Japanese businessman today called for a six-nation Pacific conference to study the question of East-West trade and the impact of the proposed European common market on non-member nations.

Keizo Shibusawa, leader of the 47-man Japanese delegation to the biennial meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, said an economically integrated Europe along the lines of the common market and a free trade area was "full of question marks" which could seriously threaten the export markets of Japan and other nations also.

Accordingly, he suggested a meeting of business leaders from Japan, Canada, United States, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand to explore mutual trade problems.

Shibusawa, Chairman of the Japanese National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, is here for the Naples Congress of the International Chamber which gets underway formally on Monday. About 2,000 businessmen from 50 nations are expected to take part in the week-long deliberations aimed at promoting economic co-operation and world trade.

Shibusawa was pointedly critical of the common market plan which would cut tariff barriers and duties between Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, France, West Germany and Luxembourg progressively over a period of 15 years.

"So far all the talk has been about what's good for the members of the common market and the European free market," he told the United Press, "however, nobody to talk about its effect on other nations."

"Although it is perhaps too early to gauge just how the common market will develop, we think it has too many question marks not only for Japan but for other nations as well. While the basic idea and aim of the common market is good, we are not sure as to what form it will eventually take so as to give up some serious doubts about its ultimate effect on our trade."

"We would like therefore for a meeting of the six nations trading principally in the Far East to sit down and talk over common problems. We could explore the possible effects of the common market on our economies and thus minimize its impact.—United Press.

## Urgency In Buying Industrials On London Market

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, May 5.

Weekly markets: It can be safely stated that the Conservative Government perspired slightly all week. It is pledged to rescue the country from inflation but the stock market plainly showed that, in its opinion, inflation is still going strong.

Everybody bought industrial shares from the conviction that their prices are going up and up; when they reach a satisfactory level the investor-speculator can sell them at a handsome profit. Unless he is a professional stock exchange operator, he pays no income tax or surtax on his profits.

Hence a certain urgency in his buying.

The Financial Times' index of leading industrials closed at 204.6, highest since August 1955. The rise this past week was 3 per cent, a fairly terrific percentage for 5 trading days.

## MILD RECESSION

But these leading industrials include a number whose annual reports have already shown net earnings falling; only a few weeks ago people were saying mournfully that the "boom is leveling off" which implied that the near future may see at least the mild beginning of a mild recession.

Shares of Turner and Newall rose 8 shillings last week and those of Guest Keen and Nettleflood, heavy engineering, gained 7 shillings, and a distinguished list rose 6 shillings or more—Plessey, the electrical manufacturers, Unilever, Furness Withy and Tanganyika Concessions.

Leader of the whole parade was Hudsons Bay, up 12 shillings, not so much the favourite company as the digger for Canadian oil and uranium.

Oils were conspicuous all week. Royal Dutch was in great demand, rising 12 shillings 6 pence to its 1957 peak of 10½ sterling. British Petroleum, Burmah and the two Canadian eagles rose between 9 and 7 shillings while Shell Transport after going ex-dividend, gained 4 shillings.

Suez Canal gained one half sterling to 49½.

## TAX EXEMPTION

Foreign bonds were erratic in their moods. Germans had an idle week but the Dawes and Young Loans, both assessed and near-saturated, lost 5½ and 4 shillings respectively. Several assessed bonds moved up or down 10/-, Greek bonds gained 2½ as did also several of the East Europeans.

Dollar stocks were marked higher to keep in step with Wall Street's advance but the premium which they enjoyed eased from 8½ per cent to 8½ per cent.

The one thing which baffled the market was to find out just which shares of "overseas trading companies" would qualify for the total tax exemption accorded to them on their overseas profits.

The White Paper issued on this subject was that this overseas trading would have to be handed over by the parent company to a newly constructed subsidiary company whose profits, handed over to the parent company, could escape United Kingdom taxation.—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, May 5.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 25, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,304,304.428
Reserves	18,789,435.561
Significant balance sheet	11,771,000,000
Advances to States	4,990,000,000
Advances to Banks	1,991,000,000
Bank notes in circulation	3,044,074,304.580
Current account deposits	228,757,115.107

—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Exchange rates were steady in the local market at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	0.30
Swiss franc (per £1)	0.47
Belgian franc (per £1)	13.47
Dutch guilder (per £1)	16.70
Indonesian rupiah (per £1)	14.70
Siamese baht (per £1)	20.20
Singapore dollar (per £1)	2.20

## WORLD TRADE EXPANSION TO BE DISCUSSED

Rome, May 5.

Nearly 2,000 business leaders from 60 nations will gather in Naples on Monday for discussions which expert observers feel may have a tremendous impact on international trade patterns for decades to come.

The occasion is the biennial congress of the International Chamber of Commerce. Delegates will take up a wide variety of problems, all of them aimed at expanding world trade and fostering international co-operation and economic development.

Among the welter of subjects to be considered are the exploitation of atomic energy, the potential repercussions of automation, the role that private and governments capital might play in building up underdeveloped nations.

## AMERICAN STEEL INDUSTRY

New York, May 5.

America's steel industry in the first quarter of 1957 rang up new records in sales and earnings for any similar period, and officials are optimistic about the year as a whole, a United Press survey showed today.

Sales of the eight largest steel producers, which turn out five of every seven tons produced in the nation, ran more than 200 million higher in the first quarter of 1957 than a year ago and net income was nearly 20 million higher, the survey indicated.

Each of the top eight companies had higher volume, and five out of the eight companies had higher earnings. Sales reflected both more business and the \$8.50 a ton price increase that went into effect last August. Earnings mirrored cost reduction factors such as improved machinery.

The eight companies included in the survey—U. S. Steel Corp., Bethlehem Steel Corp., Republic Steel Corp., Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Youngstown Sheet & Tube, Co., National Steel Corp., Armco Steel Corp., and Inland Steel Corp.—had total sales of \$3,171,752,408.

This volume compared with \$2,959,799,895 in the corresponding 1956 quarter when furnaces were carrying over some of the red hot momentum from the 1955 boom and inventories were being built up.

Total net income of the eight companies amounted to \$263,991,819 compared with \$245,716,094 a year ago.—United Press.

## NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Magic, 2 Forecast, 3 Witch, 4 Prophets, 5 Bell, 6 Yorkshire, 7 Caves, 8 Charms, 9 Incantations, 10 Spell, 11 Petrified, 12 Powers, 13 Knowledge.

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MONDAY, MAY 6, 1957.

## A NOVEL AND HIGHLY ENJOYABLE CONCERT

An unusual musical event took place last night in the University Lake Yew Hall; this was a concert at which the performers were all blind (a very few being partially blind but only slightly sighted). About 400 people attended.

It was organised by the Hongkong Society for the Blind and the Blind Welfare Section of the Social Welfare Office, and those taking part were from Hongkong's own blind homes, the Ebenezer and the Honeyville, Boy Scouts from the North Point Camp, some professional musicians and a few individuals who are being cared for by friends or relief organisations.

The programme was varied and interesting, and the continuity on the whole efficient. The management of the groups of blind children on the platform was remarkable; the children were encouraged to be as independent as possible, and that they behaved very naturally and displayed no nervousness or awkwardness.

There were several piano soloists, outstanding among whom was Miss Au Chi-ming, who played Mozart's Fantasia in D minor with a neat and clean touch and considerable musical skill and feeling, though she needs to develop more strength. She is a pupil of Professor Harry Ore, who later accompanied her in a group of songs which she sang with a sweet and clear soprano. This young musician deserves much encouragement.

### VERY CREDITABLE

Another individual musician who gained much credit was Mr. Lau Yau-hong, who played Beethoven's Romance in F. Mr. Lau has a pleasant tone and a good rhythmic sense, but his intonation was prevented from being correct by some diffidence in attack, and though his bowing was supple, his expression was rather unvaried. It is clear that Mr. Lau requires more practice in playing before the public, but he should be able to develop a much firmer style.

The Ebenezer Home provided two piano soloists and a piano duo, a young tenor (though rather low-voiced for a tenor) Cheung Mau-shang, sang two Chinese songs with strength and clarity; and several verse recitations were given both in Chinese and English by some of the children. The Honeyville Home also provided a piano duo, and the girls' chorus sang "Serenade" (hardly ever absent from any concert programme which includes songs these days) and a charming Italian song of the Chimney Sweep, preceded by an explanation in English by Margarette Yeung, who read the story from a Braille sheet. They also gave a group of items by a Harmonica band, both chorus and band were accompanied by Miss Benedicta Xavier.

The blind Scouts Troop from the North Point Camp sang two rousing choruses, one being the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" which seemed to lose nothing of its vigour by being sung in Cantonese. A baritone soloist, Lung Kwok Koi, sang two Chinese songs. It is remarkable that just tonight's two young male soloists have such strong voices, for both are only in the middle teens. It is hoped that both can be encouraged to develop their talents.

The opening number was a group by the percussion band of the Kindergarten children from the Ebenezer Home. It is clear that all these blind children both in singing and playing have a strong rhythmic sense and have little trouble about keeping in tune; they sometimes require a clearer lead, and are inclined to cut out their rests and rush on to the following bar too quickly.

### FINELY SUNG

The Choir of the Ebenezer Home concluded the concert with a Chorus from Bach's St. John Passion, very finely sung with feeling and spirit, though there were one or two high and piercing voices which should be kept down to blend better with the others.

Special mention should be made of Mr. Thomas Fung, who accompanied with steadiness and sympathy the male singers, the male chorus and the violinist; also of the two ladies who sang a piece from a Cantonese opera, accompanying themselves on the traditional instruments. At the beginning of the evening, Hon. C.E.M. Terry, Chairman of the H.K. Society for the Blind, gave a short address on the reasons for the concert and the problems of the local blind. At the conclusion, Mr. K. Keen, Social Welfare Officer, gave a vote of thanks. In general, this was a satisfactory evening, parts of which reached a surprisingly high musical standard, and a demonstration of the considerable talent and "trainability" of blind people. Much credit must be given to the teachers, and to the superintendents of the Homes, who are obviously real homes to the children in spirit as well as in name. —X.X.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Why don't you demand a raise?" Just tell Mr. Saxby that if Mickey Mantle gets \$60,000 a year, you're certainly worth a tenth as much!"

## ACCUSED'S PLEA CAUSES COURT TO ADJOURN

The trial of 31-year-old fitter, Chang Ping-wai for the alleged murder of a 28-year-old woman Lau Chow-hang at Bridges Street, Hongkong on January 9 this year was adjourned twice this morning to ascertain whether accused was in a fit condition to make his plea before the Puisse Judge, the Hon. Mr. Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court.

Accused pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him. Then, His Lordship said he could not accept the plea as made because he was not satisfied if accused fully realised the nature and consequences of the plea of guilty. He adjourned the court for Defence Counsel, Mr. Lawrence Leong, to explain the nature and consequences of the charge to him.

When the court sat again after 15 minutes the charge was read to accused for the second time. When the interpreter repeated the question accused remained silent.

His Lordship then adjourned the court to enable Dr. P. M. Yap, of the Mental Hospital to be called to the box to testify to accused's condition. Dr. Yap said he recognised accused as having been under his observation from March 22 to April 9. He found him to be quiet, slow and not anxious to mix with other people, and unhappy over his circumstances. He gave no trouble to the doctor while under observation. He ate normally and, as a whole, slept well, although from the history given by accused's wife, a fellow tenant and a friend there were suggestions of abnormality in the past.

Dr. Yap said he could find no definite evidence to justify a diagnosis of insanity. He had no reason to think that accused was not fit to make a plea.

Questioned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, Dr. Yap said he had no reason to think accused could not follow a conversation of the kind he was now making.

He said accused would understand if accusations were made against him. Dr. Yap added that accused by temperament was not an outspoken sort of person, he was being slow-witted. But he would be able to raise an objection, if he thought the persons selected for the jury were not to his liking.

Following Dr. Yap's evidence the charge was read to accused for the third time. He pleaded not guilty.

A jury of seven men were then empanelled. There were five objections to, serving on the jury by three women and two men, before the jury was finally empanelled.

Mr. Lawrence Leong instructed by Mr. A. H. Hindmarsh of Deacons and Co. represented the accused. Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. J. W. Currie. Hearing continues.

## Airport Crash

A United States L-20 aircraft and a Republic of Korea Air Force C-47 collided at Seoul airport today today injuring five American passengers and one United States Army soldier performing ground crew rescue operations. —Reuters.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### "The Winslow Boy"

Sir,—Your critic of the play at the University wrote: "A contemporary theme is the expression of a code of honour, but such a code is at a discount these days."

O tempora, O mores. But perhaps the young man is right.

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## 7 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Seven traffic accidents occurred over the week-end in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Four Chinese boys and three men who received injuries in these mishaps have been detained in hospitals for treatment and observation.

One of the four boys, named Leung Ping-wing, aged 15 years, was knocked down by a private car in Main Street West, Shaikwan and a 12-year-old boy, Chu Tak-hung was involved in an accident in Queen's Road West.

In Kowloon, Leung Shui-wah, aged 10 years, was knocked down by a private van in Fa Yuen Street. A 13-year-old boy, Yee Kee-wo, sustained injuries in another mishap in Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon.

A Chinese cyclist was hurt in a collision with a private car in Shanghai Street, Kowloon, in another collision in Queen Road East, a rickshaw puller was injured. Leung Fui-shing was seriously injured when a lorry at the Kowloon Hill Development Area slipped back and crushed him between the car and the hillside.

## SUSPECTS HELD

Four Chinese — suspected pickpockets — have been detained by the Police. Altogether six cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police over the week-end.

Victims claimed that they had their fountain pens, wrist watches, a wallet and a purse stolen. One of the detained suspects was a 16-year-old boy who was said to have snatched a purse from a Chinese woman in Prince Edward Road. He was arrested by a taxi driver.

# EXPANSION OF GAS CO'S PLANT ENVISAGED Increased Demand For Town Gas

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A dividend of \$5 (5s. 3d.) per share on 255,937 shares was declared.

At an extraordinary general meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the annual general meeting, the following ordinary resolution was carried unanimously: "That the proposed payment by The Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd. to Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd. of the sum of £2,500 in consideration of the surrender by Wheelock Marden and Co., Ltd. to The Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd. of their one-half interest in the benefit of Article 8 of an Agreement dated July 14, 1952, made between William Glen of the first part, Thomas Glen of the second part and The Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd. of the third part, be and the same is hereby approved."

The resolution was proposed by Mr J. L. Marden seconded by Mr J. S. M. Churn. A Special Resolution with an amendment, proposed by Mr N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr P. J. Griffiths, was carried without dissent.

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We are now using a type of Mainland coal which has given good results but have refrained from long term commitments at present. It has been proved by experience, however, that unless freight decline our coal will cost us quite appreciably more than has been the case in the last few years. Fortunately there are definite signs of such a decline and a close watch is being kept on the situation.

**LESS PRESSING**  
"With regard to residuals, sales of coke and breeze declined substantially owing, as I have said, to our coal being better than the coal we were using previously. This was a considerable improvement in our sales this year and we are now in a position to produce a surplus of coke and breeze. Since the close of the year the position has improved further so that the installation of a processing plant has become less pressing from a physical point of view. Its desirability as a profitable operation, however, is being kept in mind."

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### FUTURE PLANS

"It is in connection with these figures, whether viewed alone or in the light of the proposal to concentrate manufacture at Ma Tau Kok which has been under constant consideration during the year that I should at this stage say something about the future of the Company and its advisers visualised them. An invitation has been extended to two qualified experts to advise the Company on the desirability of concentrating manufacture and its attendant problems, which would include cross-harbour mains. Mr H. H. H. is Distribution Engineer to the Wales Gas Board and is a member of the Institution of Gas Engineers. Mr Neervort is Chief Engineer to Laporte and Maris Contractors Ltd. These gentlemen are expected to arrive here shortly."

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